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WE THOUGHT the systems of checking might move universities to action. We were wrong.

Go ahead and cheat

Last week we ran a cover story on an apparent epidemic of cheating among university students. According to a recent and massive survey of 12,000 Canadian university students by researchers at Guelph and Rogers universities, a whopping 53 per cent of a 19,000 student sample admitted to some cheating on written work. Eighteen per cent confessed to cheating on exams.

Our story also revealed that most universities aren't doing much to combat academic fraud. Professors admit to observing and ignoring offences by students. Procurers developed an too complicated or time consuming. On the rare occasions that students are punished, the penalties tend to be light.

Given that the study raised serious questions as to the value of a university degree when half the students are playing the system, and also detailed a range of social and commercial costs that follow from the widespread of academic cheating, we suggested at least mild expressions of concern from the academic community, if not from postsecondary funders in the form of administrative penalties.

Generally speaking, the university community takes a strong interest in our work. Last fall, for instance, our annual ranking of Canadian universities was the talk of every campus. A band of school paedophiles had launched campaigns to prevent us from gathering the information we use every year to produce Canada's most informative and comprehensive public assessment of university performance. The presidents themselves were also on television and the newspapers pointed out that their institutions were too big and

and multifarious to be reduced to a simple marking of first, second, third, etc.

Knowing that the presidents can defend mobilize when they can afford to, we expected an open air reprieve of rampant flood right in their own kitchens, (see even David Nygren's op-ed, "The Use of Florida presidents showed another 'benevolent' concern" for the integrity of our political readings), driving even more attention to the weighing of the costs and the problems of a new university compatriot (in school was in the process of dredging foot, first floor). We expected him to be sympathetic to him but that more than half the data he ushering us in to our careers— the awarding of degrees— could be corrupt. Not a deep,

Also, the only knee of concern we could find in the wake of our story was among the nation's majority of honest university students—the kids who study hard, write their own papers, make their own guesses on final exams. They are accused, now, really, that their integrity puts them at a competitive disadvantage on today's campus, and that their hard-earned certificates will be damaged in tomorrow's workplace.

but maybe it's time they faced them. Features, promises, principles, and presidents aren't highly correlated with widespread change. What used to be considered drivable behavior—such as behavior as in the process of being reinforced as normal. Reiterators and business resources department, unable to sort good from bad, will have no choice but to have a generation of moderately educated graduates. This scenario seems to be "loosened up." Buy your own way. Rest the answer to your financial problems on a little line: Pay another lot. ■

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'Steyn's complaint seems to be that Muslims in 'Little Mosque' are scaled down from a security threat to low-key domesticity. What's wrong with that?'

opportunities as employees and citizens and, in the long run, they will fail to live. —Eugene Strasser, Toronto

WE ARE THE 10-plus per cent of muslims living at university and the ones who ought to be there in the first place. The measure of academically discriminated students entering the universities has data more to devalue degrees than cheating ever could. This makes the consciousness of the university and the refusal of schools to discipline an equal wayward "handing over" go back to a common origin: the failure of most administrators to remember that universities exist for higher education, and not just for higher incomes. —Jeffrey Johnson, Brampton, Ont.

'LITTLE MOSQUE' FANS

NO, MUSLIM STUDENTS DON'T LIKE Little Mosque on the Prairie ("The Irish message that couldn't," Media, Feb. 5). That's fine, but let me com-

plain about it: that the Muslims on the show are scaled down from a global security threat to war, low-key domesticity. Will, what's wrong with that? Does he think that all Muslims are a global security threat? —Don Morrison, Peterborough

I AM CANADIAN. I have a fan of Little Mosque on the Prairie. In contrast, Zara Nusar, has taken a very brave step despite what would seem to be significant challenges to present a show that at least starts to bridge the gap and show our shared humanity. As a Jew, I know that humour has served us well in dealing with war crimes and to break down barriers. I would prefer that out of effort at communication among Canadians than that promoted by the so-called leadership on the Canadian Muslim world who claim victim status while denigrating others. I know it's your family that Abu Laaban died in Capetown after battling lung cancer.



IN PASSING

STYL SHALHEM, 91, earned a Distinguished Service Order during the Second World War, becoming Canada's most highly decorated Jewish soldier of the war. The Mosquito-borne fighter pilot was later part of a group that received the Israeli armistice funds for the 1948 Arab-Israeli War. Shalhem, who was active in the Canadian Jewish Congress until the early 1990s, died in Florida following a heart attack.

ABEDIN ALI LAABAN, 60, Denmark's leading imam, was a key figure in last year's upsurge of anti-immigrant protests in Denmark. He received Denmarks highest religious award of Islam and Muslim immigrants, which some say was granted last year's deadly riots. Abu Laaban died in Capetown after battling lung cancer.



Good news

CALL OF THE CITY

Canadians have long complained about our lengthy commutes, but a new study conducted through Statistics Canada suggests most of us actually like working downtown while living in the suburbs. The study focused on people working and around Montreal and found "there is something about the social network offered by employment places that attract people from further afield." Workers, especially women, aren't drawn into cities by higher pay or better jobs; they just like working in the action. Rather than lobbying businesses to build offices in residential areas, the authors suggest we should improve public transit linking cities to outlying areas. After all, what could be worse than being stuck in the bars, 24 hours a day?

GOOD SAVE HER

The Queen's Helen Morris paid tribute in a eulogy to her life-saving subject, declaring, "Elizabeth Windsor at the age of 79 walked into literally the role of a lifetime." On Tuesday, Queen Elizabeth II marked 37 years on the throne—she's eight years and 22 days and she'll pass Queen Victoria as the longest-reigning monarch after serving a philosophy of "duty first, self second," an unscrupulous darling of the "first" 100 and 50, a family back in bathe. Many have loved Queen Mother, but the real star is an 80-year-old who's been graciously named Elizabeth.

GOOD EATING'

Health Canada released a new and improved Canada Food Guide this week, the first update to the national diet guidelines

A WEEK IN THE LIFE OF TONY DUNGY

The Indianapolis Colts head coach spent last week answering media questions about being the first Blackman (along with Chicago Bears coach Lovie Smith) to lead his team to the Super Bowl. After defeating the Bears 29-17 on Sunday, he focused instead on his Christian faith, saying he was proud to have won the big game "the Lord's way." Later Dungy, who has hinted before about returning to do religious work, indicated he's planning to return to the Colts again next season.

Bad news

CASTRO'S HEIR

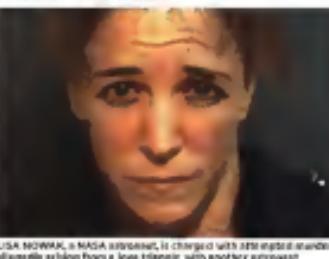
Venezuelan President Hugo Chávez's pursuit of absolute power got closer last week, when the country's National Assembly voted to give him the right to govern by decree for the next 18 months. Chávez's word is now effectively the law in the oil-rich nation. Already Chávez has suggested he plans to stay in power until 2010 to fully impose his agenda—a plan that includes nationalizing much of the economy and cutting up to some

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TAMING THE THUGS

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FACE OF THE WEEK



MASHA NOVAK, NASA astronaut, is charged with anti-astroanova, allegedly ailing from a love triangle with another astronaut.

Federations took collective action. The IFP (International Federation of Professional Engineers) has suspended guests nationwide after a 19-year-old policeman, Filippo Raciti, was killed in a riot following a march in Sicily last week. Ironically, the march that led to Raciti's death began with a tribute to an amateur club manager who died a week earlier trying to break up a brawl. Raciti ended up shot in the penis less years ago, handing out hand pens and burning known prostitutes from jeans. Italian officials say they're now considering criminal charges. Not a moment too soon.

HELMET HEADS

Some Toronto politicians want a law requiring helmets for children while lobbying, but editorial writers at the Globe and Mail prefer a public advocacy campaign, telling parents about the importance of proper protection. No doubt the campaign should include full-page ads in national newspapers. We applaud the Globe's deep concern for child welfare, but they still won't go far enough. What about helmets for air crews and for people on icy auditoriums? We can only hope that the next time the Globe calls for a government campaign, it doesn't disregard the safety of so many others. ■

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MITCH RAPHAEL ON DIGS BY A FORMER NDP INSIDER AND TORY ATTACKS ON A TEEN'S PET



PHOTO: STOFFER (RIGHT) WITH CUBAN AMBASSADOR ENRIQUE SERRA

WHO'LL GO TO CUBA IF CASTRO DIES?

There was a long lineup for cocktails at the Cuban embassy's celebrated National Day on June 18. Nova Scotia NDP MP Peter Stoffer has led this embryonic fest annually for a decade. Each year he asks the same thing: "I am on Castro's team. What's missing? Cigars?" And for 10 years, the Cuban ambassador (the MP has seen a few of them come and go) produces a box of Fabio's favourites, which Stoffer then shares with other guests. All parties were represented at the embassy that night, although attendance was tilted more toward Bloc and NDPers like B.C.'s Libby Davies and Catherine Bell-Soll, Quebec Tory MPs Luc Harvey and Daniel Pilon, plus an appearance. There was an unusual talk about what MPs might represent Canada in the event of Castro's death. Stephen Harper is apparently not near the top of that list.

WHAT'S JAMMY HEATH GOT AGAINST ELIZABETH MAY?

Elizabeth May is a "Vichy environmentalist," says Jamie Heath, author of the upcoming book *Dead Centre: Hope, Possibility and Unity for Canadian Progressives*. For years, he adds, "she was the shadow leader in chief for every [environmental] stepback

why don't we look it?" Heath hates Liberal progressive posturing. "Some members of the Liberal caucus are so bad on environmental issues that they even look like dragons that the [NDP] dragons dragged in with the Reform party." Heath also feels the NDP needs to change its name. "I think the Green Democrats has a strong ring to it," he says.

MICHAELLE JEAN BREAKS THE ICE

When Michaëlle Jean officially declared Ottawa's Winterlude festival open recently, she also launched the National Capital Commission's celebration of the 150th anniversary of Ottawa's birth: Canada's capital. Queen Victoria made it official on Dec. 1, 1857. There was much applause around the stage as the friendly Irénée Robins Canal as the Governor General worked a slide-chimney and unfurled a flag of ice with the date 1857 inscribed on it. (Her daughter, meanwhile, covered her ears.) But the real roars were reserved for when the GG announced that the Bataille du Bois-de-Coulonge—“the real one”—would be at Robins Hall the next day when the general would be open to the public as part of Winterlude.

MICHAËLLE JEAN's daughter gets ready for the ice skating



ELIZABETH MAY, (INSET) JAMIE HEATH

Heath was supposed to have been waiting off reading his questions in time for Parliament's reconvening. Alas, the Queen from afar forced the Bataille du Bois-de-Coulonge to take place at Ryans, the dog, fawn—top-pi-bull John Baird and the PM both made the cutline in their stinko on the Liberal leader. But according to Jamie Krieger, Diane's wife, the dog really belongs to their daughter, Jeanne Dion. That is why Ryans is usually with Jeanne at the family's Montreal homebase, even though the hound prefers running around Roxbury. ■

ON THE WEB: For more Ottawa cutlines or to contact Mitch Raphael, visit www.mitchraphael.ca

KYOTO IS NOT STEPHANE DION'S DOG

There will be no more Liberal "spokespeople" in the press. This is no press that the party's not afraid of the media will to show up off the Toronto and an "unavailable for comment." Stephane Dion won all quotes to be given from MPs or party officials like the new Liberal president, Senator Marie-Paule Morinville, there are no grandbills in the party over Dion's ownward use of notes in Question Period. Dion, who is usually in action when he reigns in the cult to Harper's



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Harper gives a Throne Speech—sort of



DAVID WELLS

A perspiration complex is deep in the Pacific coast only take a brief respite from his Tuesday's National Post featured Stephen Harper taking questions from the latest in a succession of hand-picked, kid-glove sporting interviews ("Do you regard Mr. Chávez's election as bringing the future of the country?") As the few words out of the Prime Minister's mouth were about the bounds that bear him, "I prefer to talk about our success," he said. "I have the entire press gallery to talk about my disappointment." That's right, Chief. *It's to me!*

After a while, though, even this harmlessly wrapped Prime Minister gets tired of knowing—knowing to the very core of his being, I mean—how brilliant his plans are, and having nobody to explain it. So on Feb. 6, only four days after Groundhog Day, Harper strolled out of his hills, eyes blinking, in a bush-coat at the Chateau Laurier. You'd think he'd be spotted in his own shadow. But he was slightly spotted by the shadow of the Liberals, whenever, he warned, "a court tries when the streets are ruled by guns, gangs and drugs." Revealed in his Stephen, there's now a fourth pillar.

Fortunately the parliamentary play of odds and extremes seems likely to spare Harper, and the rest of us, from the Liberals and their drug bashes for a while yet. *Canada's New Government!* will continue for quite a longer than six more weeks.

Which means Harper's launching speech in the Canadian Club was, reassuringly, a long of Throne Speech. By reading it himself, Harper kept the current *Postmedia* at bay, saved all the bulls before it from dying on the cedar paper, and digested Michael Ignatieff's anything to do, which is another of his odd hobbies. But the speech had substance. It dropped serious bombshells and the government's direction for the next half-year, a consider-

able cushion for a man who does not like anyone in the morning to know what he will be doing in the evening.

There are five new priorities. Two are returning favorites from last season. For their tax cuts and continued steps to reduce costs. Two-fold of such into the hot potato during Harper's first year in power, it was of circumstances and proliferation, a stronger role for Canada in the world and a "stronger federation," through reform and in particular to the temporary健在的。The fifth priority, of course, is to save the world from global warming. Or at least to make damned sure that every Canadian under stands what the Liberals failed to score the world from global warming.

In white must have been a first for the august clannish of the Canadian Club, the Prime Minister brought slide-enclosed charts and graphs, which his staff projected over two big screens on either side of the data while he spoke. The slides revealed federal or more precisely, nothing, about the Con-

seratives' plan for the environment, and not much about the Liberals' failure to get traction on the issue while they were busy handing the streets over to the guns, gangs and drugs.

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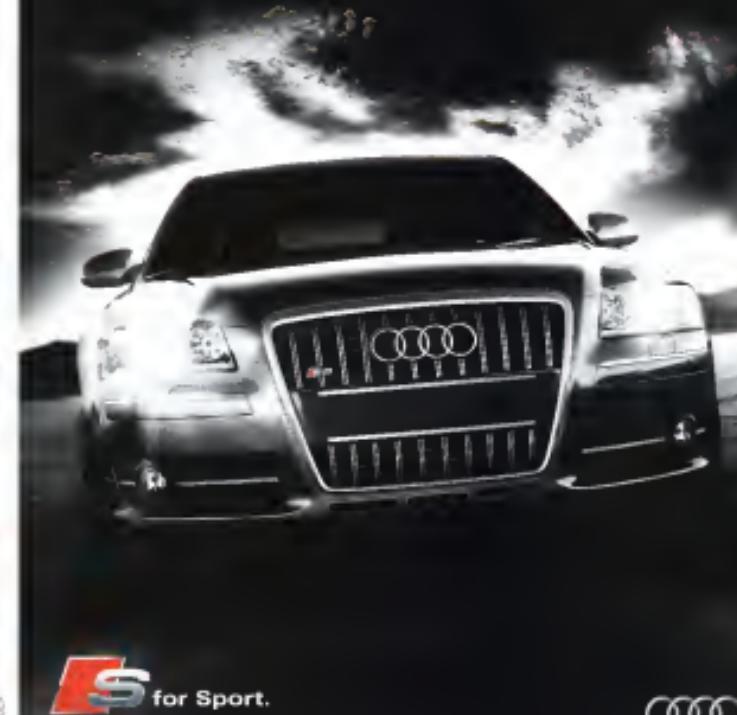
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IMAGE: FRED GARNETT

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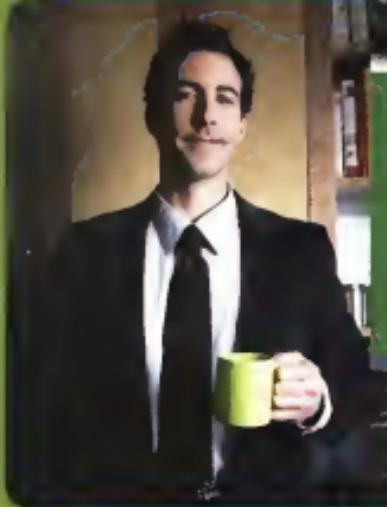


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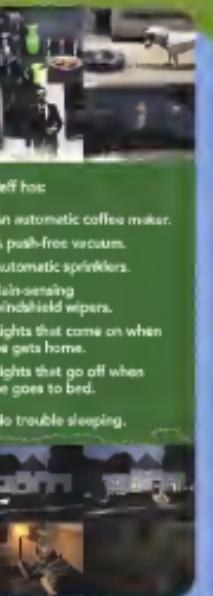


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A few examples stand out at York University. There her students under causal management approaches such as "Judaism as an" or "Judaism in" terms like "Jewish war culture" taken for granted. One student challenging her polemical stance learned about a certain battle fought in favour of left-wing members of the Knesset. She was told that York's political science department was deliberately structured to be a "Judaism alternative" to other universities. A York academic told her that this was an Arab university in so far as no regular Jewish class was asked about the Balfour Declaration. "That's not central to what we're talking about," she was told sternly.

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To put bluntly history as being pursued

progenies. By 1979, the major Canadian textbook publishers had published their own *Basic Textbooks for Everyone*. Accordingly, publishers are alert for biased and inaccurate materials as screened carefully for any bias, however inadvertent, of sexual, racial, ethnic, religious, occupational and class assumptions.¹ This avoided the denunciation of a textbook by the devout Canadian professor John Saywell for "treating Indians" for his mention of the Indian leader Mahatma Gandhi some 10 years earlier.

those who created or studied under this name are today working in schools and universities. They are the people at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education drawing "resources" for the "inclusive" curriculum-basedison tools for empowering young



lectures 'consisted of corporation bashing and interviews with Chomsky and Said'

enigments face in Canada." Thus begins a new vocabulary.

“brom” (or “how to teach about all forms of racism”) and tracce “promise race, sex, class, age equality” in Grades 3 to 8. It doesn’t take a village to recognise a vocabulary that tends to do with generate blindness to race, creed and everything to do with establishing grievances and victims.

low, the country focuses on the almost logically bogus issue of "democracy" rather than the issues of humanism, on the evils of capitalism and *Anomie* rather than the values of liberal democracy, which both these extremes completely uphold. If we don't believe much in our own values, how can other cultures respect them? That's not an apolitician's question but one that can be resolved by an apolitical answer: "The devil is in the details." So

Stephanus' edition on the description of the great library in Alexandria. "What does it matter?" he looks either and the same thing in the *Kosmicon* in which case they are superfluous as they disrupt what in which case they should be buried! The very atmosphere this reader needed covers himself and his children with in order to fight the idea dangerous to them both was in the body of *Satyr's book*, and just the introductory. The detail is in the details.

And the devil, as this further will discover when his child goes to school, is in our education system. Good teachers tenaciously, but others are involved in the culture war on the wrong side, attempting to trash Western culture. Anti-American teaching and anti-Israel views thrive among the following educational establishments. Last month now the Ontario Secondary Schools Teachers' Federation defined a research plan on anti-Israel education.



A LOT OF PAIN, AND A LOT OF RAIN

The Indianapolis Colts and Chicago Bears took to the field on a wet Miami Sunday for Super Bowl XXI. The Colts won 20-17, in a game marked by fumbles and interceptions.

The Colts' Joseph Addai with the ball
Haley Manning, Jr. of the Bears cheer during opening introducions
Cubs fans celebrating their team's victory
Cubs quarterback Peyton Manning with John Cawelti of the team's coaching staff before the game

The Bears quarterback Rex Grossman drops back to pass
A West Chicago Bears fan
Keather Reiter from Han reacts to the outcome
Tears of defeat, or just wiping off the south Florida radio
Mark Anderson of the Bears



A FINE IMBALANCE

Winning the support of the Bloc could cost the Conservatives billions

BY JOHN GEDDES • Over a few days next week, Finance Minister Jim Flaherty plans to sit down for a meeting with the Liberal, NDP and the Bloc Québécois finance ministers—just what that could be pivotal in determining how long the Conservative government survives. Flaherty must cast his lot with one of the three opposition parties who voting for the politically sensitive budget bill at now drafting, or Stephen Harper's cabinet will fall over. The Liberals? Hard to imagine them playing ball, with Stephen. Dan working to establish his wings as a prime minister-in-waiting. The NDP? Maybe, but it would be awkward for Jack Layton to back the tax-cutting plan Flaherty is expected to table next month. That leaves the Bloc, who, after all, surprised many by voting for last year's

THE BLOC DEMANDS A NEW DEAL ON FEDERAL TRANSFERS

budget, allowing Harper to claim the first major battle in the House.

If it happens again, the Tories' reliance on the Bloc as such key moments might begin to look like a poxos, an impression neither side will be eager to promote. Harper can't afford to be seen as too cozy with the separatists. Alex Leger's Gillis Group, for that part, must avoid backtracking the Conservatives so publicly that he helps Harper build credibility in a good P for Québecois. Despite these drawbacks, though, the tactical stakes for Harper and Drapeau to find ways to work together in a minority House are impossible to ignore—particularly, in that, this government's leaders tend to put more weight on the Tory relationship with the Bloc than, say, the Conservatives' widely discussed effort to temper fiscal cuts with the NDP on climate change policy.

The chances of the Bloc supporting a second Tory budget depend mainly on how Flaherty handles the so-called fiscal imbalance issue. The notion that the status quo somehow deserved to give Ottawa too much money and the provinces too little is, not surprising, widely shared by power and government. But in Québec, the theory has hardened into an orthodoxy accepted by all the main political players and much of the intelligentsia. (Never mind that some



JOHN GEDDES/POSTMEDIA NETWORKS

The prospect of Flaherty coming up with somewhere near the billion-dollar figure is fueling for Québec's status in reverse. He suggested he will be expected to be able to add only \$1 billion to new spending and tax cuts in total for 2010-11. Other provinces are demanding for their piece of the action, and Flaherty has also signaled he wants countries' share to rise 0.5%. That is also talk of major hikes in military spending over the next few years. And loosening caps over the next year—spreading blueprints like the Tacy promise to fulfill their original 2008 fiscal pledge by cutting the GST by another point by 2011, a move which would deny Ottawa about \$6 billion a year.

All these pressures point to the Bloc having to accept far less than the massive cash injection they are demanding. The political case for taking what they can get, and hardly clearing credit, is clear. Ringuette says the Bloc and the Tories share a need to "perry down" as the isolated, inflexible, dead dead leader in his home province. But any bid to

GILLES DRAPEAU and Stephen Harper seem like the most unlikely partners to pass the Tories' fiscal imbalance package—soaring that's enough cash to fuel a continued resurgence of his Québec

It wouldn't be the first time Tory and Bloc traversed the House aligned on a consensus issue. In September, with the government in danger of falling over its own fiscal ladder pact with the U.S., the Bloc suddenly swallowed its objections and voted in favour of the deal. Drapeau claimed the high ground, saying he was putting a Quebec consensus above partisanship. "The industry, the unions, the regions, the municipalities and chambers of commerce are asking us to do exactly what we're doing now," he said. "We're not playing politics on the basis of these principles." Then in November, when Harper called his majority motion in the House to recognize the Québecois as a nation within a united Canada, Drapeau surprised many by falling in line with the fiscalular partition he voted. That allowed Harper to boast, "I can get the support even of the Bloc for the unity of Canada, I'm a happy man."

Of course, he didn't quite manage that. The Bloc stands for breaking up the country like Harper's preferred ally in Québec is. For Jean Charest, and as Charest's ultimate to himself from any fiscal imbalance package—soaring that's enough cash to fuel a continued resurgence of his Québec

CHAREST SHOWS HIS STRIPES

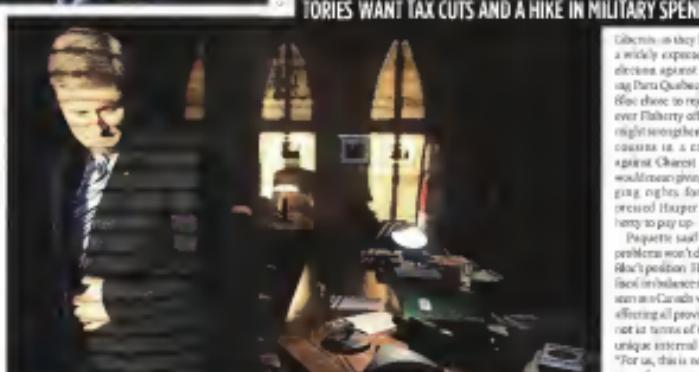
The Quebec premier jumps to a lead, and turns on the money tap

BY BENJAMIN AUBREY • A funny thing happened to Jean Charest on the way to his much-anticipated, high-stakes appointment with Quebec voters. In an election now expected to occur at March 26, a week away from his fourth anniversary in power, "I think he has finally found away to become a Québec Liberal," one of his advisers quipped after the week.

That means, on Monday, popping up around Montreal and, while refusing to discuss an election date—the Liberals postponed a major political convention planned for last March, that finding the speculation—bundly shaking hands and announcing subsidies and loans. There was \$10 million for the province's film industry, then a \$14-million loan for a new recreational vehicle by Barnabé. "No more car incentives, and a lot of first good anniversaries," says Yves Dugré, a Montreal political analyst.

And big change for Jean Charest since his earliest days as premier. As a former federal politician—and a Conservative deputy prime minister in 2004—Charest was once anomaly in Quebec politics, but he compensated on the slogan, "We're ready." Once in power, he ditched running with a red Conservative agenda, promising to decentralize government, privatize jobs and slash deficits. A year later, the wheels were falling off. A vocal coalition of labour unions and social activists were soon forcing him to retreat, of plotting to "decolonize Québec," as he has. Even to his opponents, Charest was coming across as arrogant, disconnected, and domineering. And, he was not.

So, sweet revenge, now? Charest was in Paris last week, playing chairman with French President François Hollande and showing Quebec flag, as part of an international conference on climate change, where other opinion paths came out showing that, for the first time since 2008, his Liberals have edged ahead of the Parti Québécois. The polls triggered a political status that engorged



around that the funds must be specifically for these programs. Money intended for short-term projects, like infrastructure, doesn't count. "It's not just a question of money," Paquette says. "It's the principle. The government could announce a lot of money, but not to correct the fiscal imbalance. That wouldn't be good enough for us."

Meanwhile, he is looking hard at polls, confirming the new Liberal leader's solid approval margin in Quebec, never once that caught Quebec's separatist guard off guard. "Mr. Dion will be a fierce enemy," Ringuette says. "For the Tories, that means it will be the fiscal imbalance or lose. For the Bloc, they can't say no to any as a money from Ottawa."

Govern as they head into a widely expected spending election against a slumping Parti Québécois. If the Bloc chose to repeat what, over Flaherty offers, they might strengthen their PQ cause in a campaign against Charest. But that would mean giving up big gains rights for having perceived Harper and Flaherty to pay up.

Paquette said the PQ's problem will "dictate the Bloc's position." He said the fiscal imbalance should be seen as a Canadian-wide issue, offering all provinces, and not just Quebec's unique internal division. "For us, this is not a question of money or fuel subsidies," he said. "I think we need to resolve this problem." Sounds like Flaherty might find he has a willing partner across the table—again. And what looked last year like a few isolated cases of Tory and Bloc members negotiating on the House could begin to appear, amazingly, as a more consistent convergence of interests. ■



CHAREST HAS enjoyed a big boost in the polls. But some say it's the result of his political opponent's implosion, not Charest's skill.

PQ Leader André Boisclair and nearly cost him his job. It's Beaucer, now, who comes across as arrogant, disconnected, and dismissive. (Charest's shambles created a "prudent veil," a Quebec Liberal says: "Boisclair had the spotlight all to himself," while struggling to save his job.)

The polls, one by CROP, one by Leger Marketing, put the Liberals to 39 and 32 per cent support, respectively, a long way from the 27 per cent Charest enjoyed two years ago. The PQ, meanwhile, is in free fall, down 16 percentage points—from 39 per cent to 14 per cent, in the CROP poll (31 in the Leger)—since Boisclair became leader. Charest's lead is too small to herald a victory yet. Due to the province's popular demographics, the Liberals need at least a seven-point lead to defeat the PQ. "So, calling an early spring election would still be a gamble, but this would be a good moment for Charest to take that gamble," says CROP's Claude Guérin.

Guérin sees the results as more due to Boisclair's implosion than Charest's shift. But Édouard Dupont says the Liberals began to get a pickup at the end of last summer. "Clearly an order was issued from the top, saying: no more controversies, no more problems," he says. And lots more policies. A pay equity deal for female employees of government agencies that justified the union and feminist Action policy further applied to government employees, a \$300-million package to help beleaguered forestry workers, and \$1.7 billion in tax breaks to upgrade the province's crumbling highway system. Then a \$120-million package for colleges and universities, a \$500-million commitment to a Green economy. And to help out the province's debt burden, a \$900-million package to boost

R&D in the province, and the opening of a liaison office on the Australian flour in northern Quebec. Most of those, plus many more smaller programs, have been announced since last September.

Charest started gaining traction last summer when his government stopped annoying people by stressing difficult, abstract measures such as demographic decline and declining revenues," says John Marc Leger of Leger Marketing. "Somehow his government managed to find a comfort zone."

And where did that comfort zone?

In early 2008, Charest was mostly concerned with grappling with the management of the wiz's apparatus," Leger says. "That's what changed. Now, Charest is mostly into the economic development of Quebec." That was Robert Bourassa's goal, and, as his biographer Jean Charron has finally become a Quebec Liberal. "These who like big policies, big ideas, big changes are the ones voting for the PQ anyway," a Liberal operative assured.

Perhaps the most intriguing aspect of these two polls concerns the attitude of Quebec voters toward independence. Some of the so-called "soft federalists"—the dissenters who'd like more autonomy for Quebec while preserving a close confederation with Canada—are morphing into what Leger calls "sovereignty apathists," a group who

Look who's doing the ranking now. ■

TURN UP THE HEAT UP IN THE HOUSE

"The audacity of the Liberal leader is incredible. He says that he could not raise the targets from 1997 to 2006 and he will not be able to raise them from 2006 to 2013. If it turns out that the year he can meet them actually happens to be the year when he does not have the responsibility..." —Stephen Harper, who says he will agree to a motion passed in the House this week that calls on his government to respect its international commitments to Kyoto

FOR THE RECORD



JIM FLAHERTY says it's "not a priority." He said the issue of pension splitting.

More green for all

Is income splitting an environmental issue? Elizabeth May thinks so.

ST PETER SHAWNA TAYLOR — It is a grainy, soon-to-be-obsolete video of the 2007 conference last week to get Finance Minister Jim Flaherty to endow an existing income trusts trust with an upper guarantee, but it was driven almost entirely by environmentalists. That same day, however, another assortment of say, oil company parents, academics and think-tankers called their own meeting on Parliament Hill hoping to convince the government of a different cause: income splitting. Unlike the income trust lobby effort, this had all the hallmarks of a real grassroots movement—from the oil executives to the environmentalists of peasant extractives.

While May is hoping that income splitting families will drive their cars less and hence reduce pollution, she is also deliberately tar-

ring that over-stressed constituency of voters who would simply like to have more space. "Canadians are feeling increasing time pressure. They are looking for lots of a travel rail-line instance," she says. Income splitting is part of a broader Green plan that includes swapping payroll taxes for carbon taxes and increasing the number of statutory holidays to free up Canadians to do more volunteering, parenting and earth saving. "One should have a life versus making a living," she says.

It is as a novel, perhaps unavoidable, political strategy—yes for me and you! It got sidetracked with my family. While the Finance Department has tried to dampen expectations that income splitting will be included in the federal budget this March, Flaherty also said on pension week "not a high priority" a month before he introduced it. And those mixed out communists May wants as comfort are the same middle-class suburban voters who hold the key to electing victory for or parties. As a green, fair and eco-family-friendly policy, income splitting has the potential to become the 2010 election equivalent of a chicken in every pot. ■

Arguably, though, income splitting should focus on the cost, and the fact that it may entice more women to drop out of the workforce to stay at home parents. Two studies produced by the Library of Parliament for Ontario MP Gauthier, who hosted the conference, put the direct cost to the treasury

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DOWN MEXICO WAY

The numbers say it's a lot more dangerous than Ottawa thinks

BY BARBARA KIRKTON • It was the fourth set of violence against Canadians in Mexico over the past year, although that time wasn't fatal. Late last Saturday, while they stood on the veranda of a modest Acapulco hotel just a block from the beach, two Ontario tourists from the Niagara Falls area were wounded by bullets from a semi-automatic gun. Rita Collier, 53, and a companion whose identity cannot be confirmed, may have been the victim of a drive-by shooting. Only two weeks before, a London, Ont., man, Clifford Glaser, died after a hit and run near Guadalajara. Eleven days before that, 19-year-old Adam DePrato, of Woodbridge, Ont., was found bleeding on an Acapulco beach near the Mandarins nightclub. He died the next day, apparently another victim of a hit and run. Prior to these incidents and still unconfirmed in the Feb. 20, 2006, murder Nancy and Donacie Jarman, also from Woodbridge, at a five-star resort in Playa del Carmen where they were celebrating their daughter's wedding.

It has been a run of bad luck for Canadians in the land of aquas and sun, but it is not unprecedented. According to Canadian Foreign Affairs spokesman Alan Cacchione, 13 Canadians have been murdered in Mexico since 2002. (By comparison, the U.S. State Department lists more than 300 Americans who have died there of non-natural causes since August 2004.) The recent spate of violence has Liberal foreign affairs

critic Denis MacLellan calling for a travel warning. "The fragility suggesting that the country 'wait out where you travel' doesn't apply," says MacLellan. "We have to advise Canadians of no uncertain terms that there are risks associated in travelling to Mexico."

While other Canadians, notably Cheryl Lovell and Kimberly Kao, the two Thunder Bay, Ont., women quickly recruited by the Mexican police as experts in theular of the fatalities, were calling for a travel ban before last week's shooting, Cacchione only reiterates what his boss, Foreign Affairs Minister

'CAUTION AND PRUDENCE SHOULD BE EXERCISED AT ALL TIMES' READS THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS WEBSITE



THE MANDARIN club where Rita Collier was killed, the night she and Clifford Glaser with wife Jennifer Lewis (bottom). Should the fatalities be a travel warning?

Peter MacLellan has already said, "Investigations are done by local authorities." And, "We don't comment on speculations." After DePrato's death, MacLellan did allow he would call on his Mexican counterpart to ask for a progress report. "Investigation is ongoing," Cacchione says. As for official travel warnings from the Canadian government, MacLellan has only located five since 2002—four for Mexico, one for the Philippines—and one for political reasons.

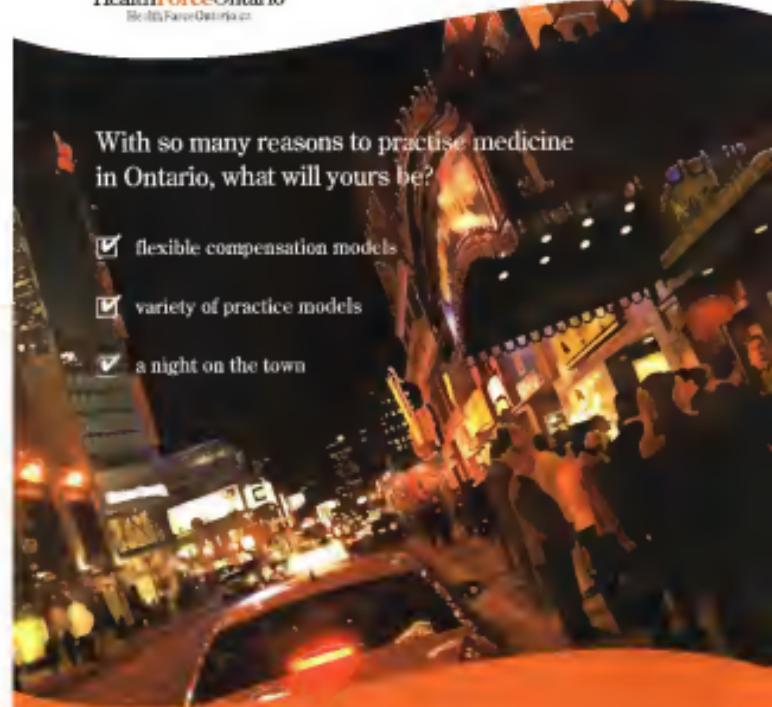
But Canadian travellers informed in advances, Cacchione points to his department's website, where the Mexico advisory is to do. MacLellan says, "Caution and prudence should be exercised at all times." When Cacchione is asked if that warning is sensible in light of the recent violence, he answers that travel reports "reflect as-to-date safety and security conditions based on information provided by our embassies and consulates abroad and other credible sources, people on the ground." The U.S. State Department even has different regions. Last month, its website described the level of violence in Mexico as "modest" and called for "extreme caution in unfamiliar areas." In its most recent advisory, it says that as spring break approaches, more than 200,000 young Americans will travel to resort areas throughout Mexico. "While the vast majority enjoys their vacation without incident," it says, "several injuries and fatalities will be reported."

If that sounds ominous, Colby Morris, a Ryerson political science professor based in the intersection between Acapulco and Mexico City, warns the country's potential dangers with a shrug. "Our average person who wants water and food and can't relate to society," he says, "they say, 'The tourist area is a magnet for crime, but they do have some policies.'" At the Association of Canadian Travel Agents in Ottawa, president Chantal Therbeau also dismisses "it's not that Mexico is not a safe place," she says. "More than one million Canadians travel there every year." What Therbeau would like the forces to do, she says, is promote Mexico "as a safe place—our people are done properly and with respect." But after a crime has been committed, that may be too little, too late. ■

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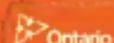


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GIRLS WILL BE BOYS...

...and vice versa. In China, gender-bending is all the rage.

To keep it "current," girls wear their hair short and choppy, eschew makeup and keep accessories to a minimum. Beyond this toward

WHEN GOVERNMENT Nuclear was Super-Sized, it was the 'neutral style' breakout moment.

Education in terror

The Taliban says it now wants to build schools—after torching so many

BY ANDREW R. KIRK — The Taliban, apparently, have a sense of humour. Or is that sarcasm based on the twisted logic of their latest, 70-page, farcical announcement in English, issued in January that it has established 1380 schools for building schools in the north-east of Afghanistan, including Kunduz province? It was a bizarre statement, coming as it does from an organization that has no real mandate to follow through on such a promise, and one that has waited in handover the fate of the hundreds of schools it owns. It has no teachers. What the announcement actually reveals is a level of desperation among the Taliban leadership, and a tacit acknowledgement that NATO's intensive public relations campaign in Kunduz province and neighbouring Helmand during these relatively calm winter months is making some headway.

enterprise called *Al Firda*, the boykholod (a man who is not circumcised), will one day convert his son to Islam so he can be a "true son."

Li, who goes by the English name Chris Lee, looks amazingly boyish. NBA star Yao Ming has been praised for being her look-alike. In the same venue for his first single, she becomes a man in the ring—and graduated our by hair. "The popularity of such androgynous style is the result of public fatigue with conventional aesthetics," says Wong Li Tsz, an expert on gender issues, and a Chinese City newspaper. "It also shows that Chinese society is increasingly tolerant when it comes to sexual identity."

Burn's not just the "newer style" that has gained mainstream acceptance. Cross-dressing is also drawing nationwide attention through the appearance in a *China Central Television* talent contest of a young man who dresses like a woman and sings folk songs. China Daily, the state English-language newspaper, noted the unusual talent as "blurred gender lines," and described cross-dressing as "a hot trend in Chinese culture."¹²

But there are limits. An insect flying at leisure, a moment depicting last year's *Safer Gorillas* banner up-posed with one foot forward and arms outstretched like old style revolutionary heroes, was roundly criticized for taking things too far and mocking Communism. The organization promised to disperse it.¹⁸

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BLOGGING FOR A REVOLUTION

Meet the godfather of the Iranian online democracy movement

BY SARAH ELTON • Hosseini Denkhabar had just said goodbye to his father and his cousin at Tehran's Mehrabad airport after a visit home last year, when he was stopped by Iranian security. They wanted to talk to him about *Adabcon*, the bilingual Persian-English website he runs out of Toronto. Apparently, an experimental blog on it had offended someone—and broken Iran's censoring law. He was asked to produce a written apology for a variety of offenses, including insulting the Supreme Leader. Five days later, after he had completed this task, he was permitted to board a plane back home.

Denkhabar, of course, is an ordinary blogger. A controversial figure who's called the godfather of the Iranian online democracy movement by some, the 32-year-old started his own weblog, one of the first Persian-language blogs, in 2000, soon after immigrating to Canada with his now-wife (she had suggested the move and he'd agreed). "I wanted to get out of Iran and see how the world is," he says. It was a step-by-step Persian-language guide to blogging that proved an adventure around that time that concluded with launching an online revolution. Within a month, there were more than 100 new Persian websites. Today, there are hundreds of thousands. A whopping seven million of Iran's 40 million people are online and, with 80 per cent of the population being under the age of 30, the medium has the potential to be a local power. Even politicians are trying to get in on the action. The former Iranian vice-president, Mohammad Ali Abolhassan, has his own blog, and President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad has one too, though he's since taken a post.

Denkhabar uses his own Internet forum to expand on geopolitical issues, and the writings reveal complicated men without simple opinions—so complicated that, to some readers, it's unclear where exactly his loyalties lie. Some suspect he's funded by the CIA, while others believe it is Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei himself who supports him. Denkhabar claims to be a reformist who's stayed alongside many young people for Mohamed Khatami's 1997-Hearts be-

come political, "but if I were there now, I would have to leave." Having been detained there, he does not return. Meanwhile, he says he continues to push for change. Besides another blog, called *Stop Censoring Us*, and last year, in a move toward what he calls a "revolution," used to get Iranian around the world to collaborate on a new constitution for the country, using WikiLeaks as a model.

Denkhabar may be in the ultimate geopolitical struggle. But there's no question he's a pioneer. "He stepped into a social movement that was ripe for that kind of facilitation," says René Doherty, a professor at U of T and director of the Centre Lab, which studies the intersection of technology and human rights. "He had his finger on the pulse of what was going on." His views have also appeared on the op-ed pages of newspapers such as the



SOME say he's funded by the CIA, others that he's backed by Supreme Leader Khamenei.

New York Times, and in editorials of the Washington Post and the Guardian in Britain.

In recent months his cause has faced a new setback, this time because of the world's most sophisticated Internet censorship systems with filters blocking access to all sorts of areas, including his website. All 100 websites must sign a contract promising not to access "naughty" sites, with the government secretly notes access to high-speed Internet. Yet Denkhabar is a optimist. He believes the nuclear movement will push Iran toward a democratic future. If in the process it delivers a line like the one above, who can complain?



SRI LANKA BROWN CLOSETS ARE AT A PREMIUM

Sri Lanka is a new jumbo-sized 54-member cabinet—proportions that in some ways are unique in the world. It has created quite the logistical nightmare. The coalition government's cabinet passed its first meeting last week because political parties couldn't find a venue large enough to house the 54. And office space is in scarce. Each minister is entitled to space in the parliament complex. Problem is, the building only has three stories and most of the offices

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A WASTE OF EFFORT?

**Lost years.
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Why those who
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BY STEVE MAICH



The thing about war is, when you're in the middle of it, telling the win rate from the losses is often impossible. Usually, in fact, it seems like racism is winning at all. Only inland signs in a popular place to shoot the chum into a snarled and tidy digest of competing heroes and favored villains. Those who live through the battles are usually aware, even in victory, of all that's been lost. So it is for those who went to war against Conrad Black.

Righting a wrongless and divisive mess in the Park Avenue office of investment firm Tawdry Browne, the man who fired the first shot against Black's interests between benevolent, benevolent and courageous as he reflects on the whole embarrassing affair. It was just over two years ago that Chris Browne, owner of more than 12 million shares of Hollinger International, sent a fury-wracked letter to the board of directors demanding answers about the company's poor performance and the recent payments to Black and others in senior management. That file-absorbing piece of mail triggered a stunning corporate coup, and a spectacular fall from grace for a man who had, for more than 20 years, held prominence in the business and social circles of those countries.

Today, Browne looks back on it all with a deep ambivalence. Yet, he managed to doze out a management team that he considered appetizing, possibly even criminal. But the managers who took over, though they played by the book, allowed the company to waste away. Yet, he managed to reap a huge amount of good publicity for taking a principled stand on behalf of investors. But the investment itself has been a failure, and Browne has paid to make it worse, not healthier. He makes no bones about it—if he could go back to the beginning, he would just take a piano and let Hollinger International be an somebody else's

BLACK OUTSIDE a Chicago court. The cast of *Twinkie Dream* has second thoughts

problem. Still, he tries to remain philosophical about it all.

"It's the old saying, 'you sleep with dogs, you wake up with fleas,'" he says with a shrug. "All I needed was to get myself upset and start screaming and ranting and railing at people, but it's not going to get anything done. It's a failed marriage. You have to move on."

After five years, hundreds of millions of dollars in legal fees, five books, thousands of newspaper articles, one move and countless claims and allegations, nothing is still not possible. Now, nearly a decade after his ouster in Chicago, Black and three of his defendants will go on trial tomorrow on three dozen criminal charges, ranging from racketeering and tax evasion to money laundering and obstruction of justice. After that will come the civil case, which could drag on for years. Black



INVESTOR CHRIS BROWNE: 'IT'S LIKE A FAILED MARRIAGE. YOU HAVE TO MOVE ON.'

won. In the third quarter—the most recent for which results are available—revenue plummeted 26 per cent and the company has a staggering US\$34.9 million in just that quarter. As a result, a stock that crested above US\$20 in early 2004, just after Black was removed as CEO, has tumbled to US\$4.18 and has sunk, including the US\$0.90 in expected dividends paid out following the file琉gath, to the stock is pretty much exactly where it was in 2006, when shareholders began complaining about Black's leadership. There is little optimism that things will get better soon. In December, the company announced it was suspending the quarterly dividend of 5 cents per share to conserve cash.

Bert Denton has watched it all unfold with a mixture of frustration and concern. Denton was one of the most prominent shareholders active in the campaign against Black. He works from a tiny office on the fourth floor of an old converted townhouse on New York's Upper East Side. On the wall hangs his ancient desk, hangs a leather Diana on stage cycle jacket. Next to it is a framed *Forrest Gump* photo from 1997, titled "Be Kind to a Wimp." Denton pretends full control of the company, and he loves every minute of it. Since 1991, when he founded fund manager First since Capital, he has locked horns with more than his company, using lawsuits, proxy battles and the ever-present threat of public disclosure as his weapons of choice. He got involved in the Hollinger saga back in 2002, and he openly relishes the thought of seeing Black and his henchmen go to jail, that when the score turns, the performance of the company under Black was wasted, Denton gets in my all over again.

It's a harsh, old-school ledger that the print advertising market suffered at a little time, and that newspaper companies have been paying for ever since. But even in a bad market, he says, *Star* Times stands out for all the



BERT DENTON SAYS BLACK'S REPLACEMENT WAS PAID AN EXORBITANT BONUS

money will be acquired of the charges—the regular, usually unnoticed, that he will be cleared of all wrongdoing—but he cannot win, and really, at this point, no one can.

A few years ago, the Hollinger affair seemed to be a critically important showdown. It was about shareholder rights, and fiduciary duty, and rooting out corruption. But that kind of righteous idealism is hard to find today. It's been lost in a mind-boggling legal quagmire, and the end anathema of watching a proud business turn into a sold-off at a price. Most of the Canadian chain of newspapers now belongs to Canadian Global Communications. *The Daily Telegraph*, sold to British newspaper magnate Sir Alan Sugar, is the last of the Hollinger empire, but it was sold to Browne's Bausch Brothers for \$1.8 billion soon after Black lost control of the company. And the steady stream of smaller asset sales that followed reduced the company to a single collection of papers in the Chicago

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area. Last year, the board changed the Hollinger name and rebranded it as Star Times Media. An new management dismantled all that Black built, the company sank deeper into financial distress.

In 2005, revenue dropped by 37 per cent

from the previous year, reaching a plateau of US\$22 million. In 2006, things got much

several reasons. In early of sales, substantially high costs and virtually no programs on the central problems facing the business. And for that, responsibility fully squelches on the shoulders of Gordon Paris, the man who headed the special committee investigating Mr. Black's leadership, and who replaced him as CEO in January 2005. "When Gordon Paris" Dennis asks rhetorically, "He's an invent more booker—a newspaper reporter whatever where does he live? New York City. Where's his house? In Chicago. How stupid. How easily surprised. The editor is not a company in Chicago in New York. He didn't know where we're going on."

Through it all, investors say, the company has been management's race and arrogant, treating shareholders as an afterthought. "At least when [former head of investor relations] Paul Hanly was there, somebody would tell us what was going on more or less in a swift," Browne says. "As far as communication goes, things are bad or worse now as they were under Black."

For a management team that was brought in to win back the faith of the market, such nonchalance is staggering, and the company has achieved little more than better. At the end of December, Gordon Paris resigned and was replaced by Cyrus Breeden, a well-respected executive who previously turned around the troubled food giant Chicago-based International. The company also recently hired a new insurance underwriting person on important communications. But it may be too late to mend fences.

By the time he stepped down, Paris was well aware that the shareholders were unhappy, to say the least. In 2004, he was paid US\$2.8 million in salary and bonus, plus a \$5 million deferred share units. Investors complained that the pay was excessive given the company's myriad problems, and in 2005 his share units award was cut to 1.2 million, though Paris's salary and bonus still added up to more than US\$2.8 million. "We had a meeting at Michael's restaurant and I told him, 'Gordon, you get \$10,000 a day.' Saturday, Sunday, Recessions, Christmas, Thanksgiving, Valentine's Day, \$10,000. Your more two are not aligned with what the shareholder's want," Dennis says.

Paris failed at the mission, unwilling that he wanted nothing more than to resolve Hollinger's legal mess and return to his career in publishing. As a sign of good faith,

last year his salary was cut to US\$100,000. But when he quit in December, he received a cash separation bonus of US\$2.7 million, far higher than the company Dennis was not swayed. "Put him to collect a bonus a hour after that per performance is going nowhere. He has no clue. And why he's still on the board now begins the investigation. Having taken the stock from \$30 to \$4, he should not be directing that company."

Paris declined an interview for this story. Company spokesman Yanira Chacon said simply that "Gordon Paris was paid to keep him with us" and that his employment contract, now management's, is the current board are deeply

committed to strictly controlling costs." New CEO Breeden is in the process of developing a plan to address the company's many problems, which will present publicly within the next couple of months. "We care about our shareholders and look forward to working with them," she said. "The focus right now is on improving the operations of the company. Company performance going forward is really the main thing now."

But the issue of Paris's golden parachute will not easily fade into the past. It's just another reminder that in the campaign to overthrow Conrad Black, everybody seems to have gotten rich except the shareholders. Between 2001 and mid-2006, the company's legal fees and expenses topped US\$136 million, and the audit is still running. To put that in perspective, it was US\$163 million in management fees, paid over eight years to Black and his private companies, that sparked the shareholder concern in the first place.

That staggering cost has sown discontent toward everyone involved in management, even Richard Lerner, the former head of the SEC who spearheaded the Black investigation and still serves as special monitor of the company. Once considered the amiable voice of reason, he has become the object of skepticism and derision. "You know I'm just not sure what went on the Black's head to wrap it all up. He goes good like a lawyer. There's no pot of gold for him at the end. He just keeps the clock running and keeps collecting his \$100-an-hour," Browne says. "At the end of the day, I think Breeden's out for Black."

Breeden looks like the managing legal battle will just get worse. His board. With more than 20 lawsuits flying in every direction, it seems the wrangling could go on for years yet. Once the legal predication is done, jockeying over the wreckage of Hollinger, it's not clear what will be left worth salvaging. "It has been extremely expensive. The costs of the lawyers are out of control," he says. "We've got lawyers charging \$1,000-an-hour in a \$100-an-hour world. It's a tragic case. But I don't know what you do about that."

After all that has unfolded, shareholders like Dennis and Browne have pretty much given up hope that most of the people directly involved in the destruction of Hollinger International will ever be held to account for their performance. Breeden's investigation concluded that Black and others operated Hollinger as a "cognitive leap

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recovery," and usurped the board for being indifferent to its responsibilities. But the company spent no time to use the board for negligence. In October, the SEC dropped its investigation of former Illinois governor James Thompson, former archaeologist Richard Burt, and economist Marie-Josée Kraus, all of whom sat on Hollinger's audit committee and approved most of the compensation payments to Black and others.

In short, despite an abundance of evidence suggesting a pattern of wrongdoing at the very least, directors such as Thompson, Kraus, Sharon Moran and Harry Wagner were allowed to quietly settle their investigations and walk away from the mess. "They got off scot-free and that's a real tragedy," Brewster says. "They tell all their clients we're nimble! 'Well you can't be nimble if you don't ask any questions. They never asked. They lied! 'Yeah, okay, whatever you want. That's fine. Can I have some more? Please? I think for myself?'

Even a human brought against independent directors by an aggrieved investor group yielded little punishment. The case was settled last year when Hollinger's insurance provider agreed to pay US\$10 million back to the company on behalf of the departed board members. Thus, of course, will be reflected in higher insurance premiums from now on. Even when the shareholders win, they seem to lose.

The result has been a pervasive sense of disillusionment and anger on all sides. Investors no longer respect the people brought in to clean up the company. And those who went in, and have dedicated thousands of hours to the cause under extremely strenuous circumstances, have developed a resentment toward shareholders that rival even Black's chagrin for the "corporate give-niente'ntists" who had left him low.

In anguished responses, they grumble that no region as ever been going unloved.

At the heart of the matter, the two groups had different priorities all along. Shareholders wanted their rights defended, and to maximize their return. But for the entrepreneurs, founders and investors who descended on the company, it quickly became an all-consuming crusade to bring down Black. Shareholders sometimes found themselves caught in the crossfire.

In October 2004, for example, Black offered to lay out the terms of his resignation and debt-laden Canadian holding company Hollinger Inc. for the Canadian arm to buy premium for a stock that was trading for just \$14 at the time. The deal with the Canadian arm's management endorsed the deal, saying there was no other logical buyer for the stock.

But allowing the debt-laden would have strengthened Black's hand to fight the ultimatum he was facing in the U.S. In the end, regulators bowed to pressure from bondholders, and blocked the deal. The shares of Hollinger Inc. collapsed. Last week, they were changing hands for \$1.00.

The individuals whose prosecutors have pursued Black have been breathtaking. In October 2005, U.S. federal agents seized about US\$80 million in proceeds from the sale of Black's New York apartment. At the time, he had not even been charged with crime, let alone convicted. When he finally was indicted, an Illinois judge set his bail at US\$810 million—once as much as former Libbey, chief executive of WorldCom, and four times more than that of former Enron's Jeffrey Skilling. Even that was seen as lenient (investigations into Black continued to live a luxurious lifestyle in Toronto, offering a \$100,000 donation to the Canadian Opera Company, prosecutors went back to court insisting he's living beyond his means, and the judge nixed another US\$81 million out of his bail). Height-handman David Rudolf has already agreed to plead guilty, serve 15 months in prison, and testify against his long-time partner. And it's expected that a parade of former directors will take the stand and claim that Black lied of them about a broad array of questionable deals and spending to support an opulent lifestyle at shareholders' expense. Uninvolved on all counts, he could face up to 95 years in prison and US\$87 million in fines.

But Brown and Denton and the others who ended up being lectured, fined and made to pay when they dared question Black, there is some enjoyment in imagining how an orange prison jumpsuit will then cover this one inmate in this unbroken story. Back near the start of it all, in May 2002, as Hollinger Inc. was in its annual meeting at the posh Metropole Club in Montreal, a disgruntled shareholder named Edward Shulman stood and lambasted Black (but, though most of these present were too polite to say so, many of them considered him a threat). According to those present, Black responded with a plan. "Sell your shares and get out," he said. "If you think I'm a threat, then go." At the time, Black's response was seen as impulsive and arrogant, further proof of his inability to deal graciously with those who challenge him. But with the benefit of hindsight, those words sound very prescient. Now they sound like good advice. In a future, when angry investors are up against an unrepentant CEO, they may remember what became of Hollinger, and choose to heed those words.

War is misery. And justice, whatever that means, is probably very expensive. ■



TRYING to cut terrorism's energy cash flow

FILL 'ER UP FOR PEACE

A station in Omaha is refusing to sell gas from the Middle East

BY SUSANNE TAYLOR • At a self-service gas station in the west end of Omaha, Neb., a group called the Terror Free Oil Initiative is fighting a global war—by refusing to sell gasoline that comes from the Middle East.

"Our message is to send the message to the oil companies, to the government of the U.S.," says spokesman Jeff Kaufman. "And so say to the citizens of America that they can do their part in the war on terror by supporting those companies that don't purchase crude oil from the Middle East."

Claiming that money from oil is helping fund terrorism around the world, the initiative purchased the station from Sinclair Oil, and continue to buy its gas from that company, which obtains most of its oil from Canada and the U.S. The long-term goal is to end U.S. dependence on foreign oil altogether. "We would like to see alternative fuels and renewable energy," says Kaufman. "This issue cuts across the left and the right."

But some observers worry that the gas station, which also stands as a symbol of resistance, will only fuel anti-Muslim sentiment. As well, because of companies always buy and sell oil around the world, it's nearly impossible to track a given barrel's origin. "I wouldn't ban on this," says Michael Posner, a professor at the Richard Ivey School of Business at the University of Western Ontario, who notes that when it comes to war on terror behavior, it's hard to pin people out of their stations. The Terror Free station is competing with several neighboring stations—just having to drive a little farther, Posner says, may prove too much of an inconvenience.

Still, the initiative is fueling an outpouring into a national chain. Kaufman says that business has picked up since the station opened on Feb. 1. "We had a lot of people that said as they leave our stores to fill up," he says. "They can't believe Americans together."

Above and Beyond

On September 11, 2001, Scotiabank's 100,000+ employees around the world held a fund-raising and awareness event to help raise \$1 million for the Canadian Red Cross' relief efforts. They also would encourage the military to strengthen its own culture of giving, by having their loved ones work in such dangerous circumstances.

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GIVING AT THE OFFICE

Canadian companies need some lessons in how to be charitable

BY COLIN CAMPBELL • The last few years have seen repeated proclamations that North America is entering a new golden age of philanthropy, yet we see evidence the days of Bill Gates and Andrew Carnegie—famously rich businessmen reinvested as much for giving away excess wealth—have passed. In 2005, a record-breaking year for charitable giving, consider a few of the biggest acts: Warren Buffett donated US\$10 billion to the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. The CEOs of Golden West Financial, Herbert and Marion Johnson, gave US\$1.3 billion to their family foundation. And there were 14 other donations worth over US\$100 million in the United States alone, according to the Chronicle of Philanthropy. Canada had its share of big donations, too: Real estate developers Joseph and Wolf Leitman, for instance, gave \$160 million to Toronto's Mount Sinai Hospital. The rich may give bigger, but they're giving more money than ever before.

Yet there's a huge disparity in the world of corporate philanthropy. While the rich founders and executives of successful companies are generous givers, the companies they run often aren't charitable at all. Companies don't donate nearly as much as individuals, nor do they boast that they're supporting living, meaningful ties with non-profit groups in their communities. "Companies still have a long way to go," says John Pines, a professor of marketing at Simon Fraser University who studies corporate philanthropy. The corporate sector agrees it should do philanthropic work, but "most don't have a very deep understanding of how they can work with non-profits and that sort of thing." Now research by Imagine Canada, a charity and non-profit advocacy group, suggests this is changing—but it hasn't been a fast or easy shift.

Only three per cent of Canadian businesses claimed charitable donations on their tax returns in 2005. For a total of \$1 billion in donations (representing less than one per cent of the companies' pre-tax profits), according to Imagine Canada. While those figures don't represent the charitable

LAWYER GIFTS: Warren Buffett gave the Gates Foundation US\$1 billion last year

work companies do (like volunteer work by employees on company time), only 28 per cent of charities had non-profits in Canada receive corporate donations and grants in 2005, and the vast majority of corporate giving went to a small group of organizations with the biggest revenues.

Whitner's a big surprise. The late economist Milton Friedman famously wrote that "the social responsibility of business is to increase profits." In the recent years, companies have found it increasingly important—essential, in many cases—to distinguish themselves from profits and charities relevant to their business (all companies, for example, tend to partner up with environmental causes). Not only can they play the role of good corporate citizens, but over time can build a pipeline of good-will, boost employee moral, and improve their brands through the work they do in communities, says Pines. The result is clearly shareholder value to boost the company's bottom line. "It needs to be genuinely beneficial," says Jennifer Simola, the director of corporate citizenship at Imagine Canada. "Philanthropy has broken from a chequebook philanthropy to this notion of building partnerships."

One of the best examples of this blurring of altruism and capitalism is Microsoft. Two years ago, Microsoft Canada made international headlines for its work with the Toronto police fighting child exploitation on the Internet. After a Toronto police officer named Bill Gates got help, the company stepped in to lend its expertise and build a database for police forces to fight child pornography.

The site is a mutually beneficial form of charity: altruistic age-old philosophical questions about whether charity, when motivated by self-interest, is really such a noble cause. Regardless, this sleepy, burgeoning field of corporate giving has proven a won-win situation. "It's good for business and good for society, thus everyone's happy," says Pines. "It doesn't matter what your motive is." ■

THAT'S ONE WAY TO DEAL WITH A HAMBURGER
When Donato McDonald, 38, witnessed a McDonald's restaurant in Charlotte, N.C., last month exploded lobbing the sooty gloop on an employee, he immediately responded by publishing the instant website—the goal: to blow up the week. After a screenshot, McDonald was brought to hospital, where he died of his injuries. The firearms-wielding worker was not hurt. Local authorities are investigating, laying charges against him.



THE SEXTUPlets: WHOSE BABIES ARE THEY?

Six babies born in Vancouver have ignited a blood feud that won't go away anytime soon

BY KEN MACQUEEN AND JASON KIRBY • We've seen their faces. We don't know their names, nor the two infants who died, nor their four siblings who remain in intensive care in Vancouver's St. C. Women's and Children's Hospital, each now in their own bed in a hospital room. Their parents, too, are a mystery—so far one silent face, too, are the Jehovah's Witnesses. This alone defines them.

It is enough to pit them in the court of public opinion.

Then again, their occupations, the address of their home in the Fraser Valley beyond public reach. Did they prepare a home martyrium for these sextuplets, the first to be born alive in Canada? Do they have other children? Has the family had a moment that has only served for a funeral for their two dead children? They're "overwhelmed," the hospital said of the parents-after-the-births. Who can blame them? Everyone, it seems.

This nameless, faceless family has inspired a spiritual, ethical, and legal debate of an intensity rarely seen in British Columbia, among the most secular of provinces or an exceedingly secular nation. Last week, the machinery of the provincial government

moved, without benefit of a court hearing, to apprehend two infants and a daughter long enough to give them blood transfusions—possibly saving their lives, certainly violating God's prohibition on the use of blood, as defined by their church.

The father, in a court affidavit, accused the province of "valuing" his children. The very idea was so painful the parents fled the hospital, he said. "We took our intensive-care unit and grief and tried to console each other in private." Thomas Gordon Campbell had the government issued an obligation to apprehend the babies to protect their lives. "We act, I think, with the best of their best interests in mind," he said. "We will continue to do that."

Share Brady, an Ontario lawyer acting for

the family on behalf of the church, says the issue has little to do with religion and nothing to do "with a right to let their children die." The church has struck a difficult balance. The Supreme Court of Canada ruled in 1995, in a similar case of a government ordered transfusion for a premature infant in a Vancouver hospital, that children, that is to say, freedom does not include the right to deny life-saving medical treatment to a child. The court also said, however, that before parents are deprived of their fundamental rights, they must have "reasonable notice" of a hearing before a judge, "where conflicting evidence may be presented."

Trudy and the B.C. government were swayed by the lone yet public response to the plight of the sextuplets. He cited a gallant 10-week-old Spanish boy, the son of British Columbians, supported the parents' actions. The family is deemed unusual by because they are Jehovah's Witnesses, he says. "Well, we don't profile people," he says. "We look at facts and make a reasoned decision. The government didn't give my doves an opportunity to do that, period." The case

ended in birth. Each time she refused, "A Jehovah's Witness," said the father, "we believe that to have shorted any of our septuplets would be a profound disregard for life and violation of God's law."

The church would have been involved from the earliest stages of pregnancy. Virtually every region of the country has a "Septuplet liaison committee" of church elders and men

driven home by a SWAT team of laymen, capable of arriving with remarkable speed and long-lasting energy. The Vancouver hospital would have a church committee of health professionals, elders and laymen, as well as parental and spiritual representations. The need for transfusions, standard treatment for even premature babies, was certainly on the agenda.

The babies, however, have been moved to the hospital's neonatal intensive care unit, and protected by privacy laws and by a faith known for its secrecy. Even the details of two of the babies (apparently of complications not related to the need for transfusions) weren't confirmed until they were released to a news documentalist last week. What happened to the family these past weeks and months—whether the son of a losing church or a convert cult. Like so much in this case, it is a question of both, a matter of interpretation.

SARAH'S STORY. Sarah Bahr of Vernon, B.C., is a bright, articulate Grade 11 ma-
donna, alive with the possibilities life has to offer. She's following the sextuplet case in

THE STAKES ARE HUGE. SHOULD THEY DISOBEY THEIR CHURCH THEY FACE THE PROSPECT OF CARING FOR THOSE FRAGILE INFANTS WITHOUT SUPPORT.

return to court Feb. 21. The family wants an apology for the lack of a hearing, and a prosecution against future sentences. The battle lines are drawn. God, it would appear, is on everyone's side.

THE HOSPITAL: The babies—four boys, two girls—were born Jan. 5 and 6, around 15 weeks premature and averaging just 736 grams (1.6 lb.) each. The mother had spent the previous two weeks in hospital for the medical drama began for the family virtually from the time she learned she was pregnant, six times over. It's likely the multiple to the six are the result of a fertility treatment known as "superovulation." Such treatments, not addressed in church doctrine, are a waiver of "personal choice," says Mark Rago, director of information for the White Horse Bible Society, the national headquarters in George Town, Okla., for Jehovah's Witnesses.

The parents learned from the start the odds were against the delivery of six healthy babies. Half of babies born at 26 or 27 weeks will die in hospital, and many of the survivors will have severe lifelong disabilities, they were told. The odds said the mother could also soon see some of the fraternal 12 within to give the remainder a better chance at life and health, a process called "selective reduction." She was offered the option again at 18 weeks. Late, she was given the chance now to have the babies remain



SHANE BRADY (above) is a lawyer for the Family, (below) the babies' hospital

better. In addition to checking hospitals around the world a week for any Jehovah's Witness patients, they conduct visitations and approach medical staff of acceptable therapies and bloodless alternatives. Critics say they also can interfere against inappropriate treatment sought by church members or ordered by doctors. Witness doctrine is also

Vancouver, it makes disturbing memories. Just over two years ago, at age 14, she was diagnosed with a rare form of bone cancer—a flag test for a young girl born into the Jehovah's Witness faith.

"I was scared of death," she says. "Who wouldn't be?" After chemotherapy and chemotherapy took its toll, doctors in the same hospital where the sextuplets are being treated pressed her to accept a blood transfusion. She refused, insisting to this day it was her decision. Not that of her parents, her church, or the many Witnesses who used to offer support. "God gives us free will so we can choose what we want to do with our lives," she says, "and I've been to see him or not."

The province stepped in, issuing a court order to force Jehovah's Witnesses deemed it necessary. She left for Ontario. She fled, sheltered by the church, lawyers for St. C. and Bahr, who says she was "far from a total apostate." B.C. lawyers took the fight to Ontario courts. Brady, advised by the church in an oral affidavit, filed an appeal. "The government had the same issue in Sarah's case as they are doing here," Brady says of the sextuplets. "He and ours." In a 2006 case similar to Bahr's, Brady urged an unsuccessful fight in the Manitoba courts to stop the forced transfusion of a 16-year-old girl who was fighting externally from Crohn's disease. Brady had

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argued that as a "parent minor" she should have a say in her treatment. This week the provincial appeal court upheld the Manitoba government's right to force a transfusion.

In British Columbia, the B.C. government organized a conference allowing Jehovah to be admitted to the Schneider Children's Hospital in New York, which specializes in critical "bloodless" treatments. Her red cell count plummeted during chemotherapy but more a platelet count seemed dangerous. He presented test results of a transfusion: "Just don't do any transfusions," he advised. "My platelet was so low the best medical treatment, and so low," she says. "It happened to work out, which is a sheer miracle." Alternative treatments are out there, she says, "it just takes a little research."

Bahnsen says the court ordered add to her stress and threatened her trust in her B.C. doctor: "It's important to my patients through everything no matter what medical advice you're dealing with, and it's really, really hard to do that when you have people around you trying to give you things that you don't want."

Bahnsen says she doesn't know the parents of the teenagers but can understand their pain. Obviously the babies can't make an informed choice, she says. "They are the par-

ents in the church publication Awake! That magazine, in the mid-1990s, fails them for many reasons with a cover showing the real anguish of 50 "Youths Who Put God First," by dying after refusing treatment.

That anguish—childishly illustrated as Bahnsen knows—are emotions. "They believe if they [alive] blood transfusions Jehovah's God is



'THE AVERAGE JEHOVAH'S WITNESS KNOWS 50 TIMES MORE ABOUT BLOOD AND ALTERNATIVE TREATMENTS THAN THE AVERAGE CANADIAN'

ents' kids, they do have the right to make that decision for them." "It's clear the parents want to kill their kids," she says. "Why would they want to kill their kids?"

It has been a year and a half since her refusal treatment. She's just back from her regular three-month checkup. "I'm doing great," she says. She's thinking of a tattoo as a dental hygiene. Or in running. Or low, she adds with a chuckle. "Low could be good."

LAWRENCE'S STORY: Lawrence Hughes, a 55-year-old Calgary architect and technician, died this fall of both a Witness disease to the day his 16-year-old daughter, Bethany was diagnosed with incurable leukemia. It was last afternoon, Feb. 13, 2002. "We were told this by the local hospital liaison of Jehovah's Witnesses that the Watch Tower Society had already approached lawyers, they're on their way to Calgary to represent us. Shana Brady was one of them." He argues the pressure on the B.C. parents. "They're in a dilemma," he says quietly. He remembers Witnesses standing guard in shifts in his daughter's hospital room, choking the doctor, pressing visiting room mats on the family. Hughes says Watch Tower representatives promised Bethany her treatment would be



LAWRENCE HUGHES with his wife and daughter, Bethany, over her treatment

going to destroy them at Armageddon," he says. "The more inaccurate representation of being 'diseased/transfused' is no less terrifying. Should they destroy their church they face the prospect of caring for their fragile infant without support. They would have

their family, all their friends and their faith before they'd be kicked out," says Hughes. "I mean, what's left?"

It was Hughes, at Bethany's condition worsened, who broke with his wife, Arlene, and the son of his daughter, and proposed a hearing to settle her a ward of the province. It paved the way for more than three dozen transfusions. He held his proposal for a time. He worried more. He was haunted by his church, and estranged from his wife. His own daughter would call him an apostate, fearing a health diminished and the positive refurbished easily. She died in September 2002, while receiving alternative treatments, doses of arsenic, sanctioned by the church. Lawrence and Arlene have since divorced.

Calgary lawyer Vaughn Marshall argued Hughes' case in some of his legal proceedings. "Witness people are going through times of incredible stress when they often take great comfort in turning to their religion," Marshall says. "In this case, it's that very religion that caused the most distress and stress in their lives." Janet Gochko, a specialist in medical ethics in the University of Calgary, followed the Hughes case closely. "I did the file with Jehovah's Witnesses were on one side and he set

on the other, absolutely alone," she recalls. "It was heartbreaking. He was weeping and jumping in the cafeteria at lunch he was at the table all by himself."

Hughes had joined the church in 1983, as a valuable part in his life. "The package they sell you is pretty good. You forever on a paradise earth. World refuse dust." He and Arlene had just moved to Calgary, and the church provided an instant family. Hughes pours his heart and anger into working with the Witnesses dedicated to defending the church's theology. "Tens of thousands of people have died because of this blood policy," he says. "Hundreds of thousands will die in the future of notching a date abroad."

BLOOD DOCTRINE: Aside from the occasional high-profile blood transfusion case, the only time most Canadians give any thought to Jehovah's Witnesses is that ugly sunrise on the morning when they come. Either to hand, knocking at the door. "We wouldn't think it would be there many times. For decades Witnesses were the first to come giving a petti-coat group in North America. Starting with about 30,000 followers in the 1970s, there are now more than 100,000. Witnesses who actively preach world-

wide, with another estimated 30 million "inactive" adherents. In Canada the group has 160,000 baptized members, about one fifth of them in British Columbia. By some estimates, the U.S. arm of the church brings in roughly US\$1 billion a year in revenue. The steep rise in membership has showed signs of leveling off, but Witnesses are still adding/growing while conventional churches shrink the dust from their pews.

Born out of a little study group in Pittsburg in the 1870s, Witnesses lay claim to the one true form of Christianity and square all other religions and secular society with the devil. The group also believes Jesus married to earth levitating in 1914, and that Armageddon is just around the corner. They refuse to salute any flag, go to war, which is at times put them in the crosshairs of both the Canadian and U.S. governments. But it is Witnesses' objection to blood transfusions, first set down in 1945, that wins them the most attention these days.

For Witnesses, the roots of the ban are laid

out in five Biblical passages which date back to 2,000 years. For instance, Am 15:12-29 states, "You are shown from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from sexual immoral-

comes to blood transfusions." In the last decade, he says, he's conducted 400+ live surgeries on about 100 Jehovah's Witnesses and never lost one due to a lack of blood. It requires a lot of preparation, a day-long emergency room procedure can't afford.

"The average Jehovah's Witness knows no

more about blood and alternative treat-

ments than the average Canadian," says Hugo, adding, largely as a result of "Witnesses" per-

sons were denied a fair hearing. The ruling by B.C. Justice Adele René also came with a warning for government and the courts to shun their "pseudoscientific attitudes." While a doctor's recommendations must always be a significant consideration, authorities, she wrote, "must be careful not to presume that the doctor has always recommended the only acceptable treatment, and that Jehovah's Witnesses' parents are always wrong in denying their consent for treatment by way of blood products."

Witnesses claim to practice religion though, the so-called "bloodless" option grows far more limited. Precises often begin life with low hemoglobin levels, made worse by the battery of blood tests they must endure from specialist hospitals, necessitating the need for infant transfusions, surgery, lower hemoglobin levels and take simpler samples. The solutions are not without risk. And in modern society cases, such as generators/transfusions, hospital patients may simply decide the risks are just too high.

BLOOD FEUD: Biblical scholars like Michael Duggan, a professor at St. Mary's University College in Calgary, scratch their heads over how Witnesses interpret scriptures to back

IN THE MID '90S AN 'AWAKE!' COVER SHOWED THE SMILING PHOTOS OF 26 'YOUTHS WHO PUT GOD FIRST,' BY DYING AFTER REFUSING TREATMENT

it. "Rolled over, the verbiage amounts to a few dozen words, but thousands have died died them." "The censor knows more about blood than anybody else," says Hugo, "because he made the rule." Those who choose to be transfused with whole blood are, by entry way, non-believers who will be destroyed at Armageddon. Those transfused against the will, such as the starving leprosies, we free from any church sermon.

Over time, though, the group's opposition to blood has transformed the theological and shifted for the scientific. Witnesses gather articles from prestigious medical journals that they say show effective alternatives to transfusions. These are distributed to doctors. Witnesses have built their own blood policy to the emerging field of "bloodless surgery." By conserving blood during operations and employing non-technological, non-hospital measures the need for transfusions. Dr. Brian Muirhead, a Winnipeg-based anesthesiologist and chairman of Physicians and Nurses for Blood Conservation, says patients can survive with lower blood counts than previously thought. "The bigger problem right now is the lack of education in medical schools," he says. "Doctors still practice the way they did 30 or 40 years ago when a



PROTESTERS outside a Calgary court where Lawrence Hughes fought his church

on their blood ban. "There's just nothing in Biblical literature that has anything to do with human blood," says Duggan, who and his son in their classical Hebrew 10 says the series set as a dietary code, calling on followers to only eat meat that has been drained of blood. Nothing more. Adds Stephen Sant, a sociology professor at the University of Alberta who studies alternative religions, "Applying that sort of were written references to conventional circumstances is clear."

Theologians could endlessly debate Biblical interpretation. Witnesses are an far shadier ground with their own changing policies on medical treatments. There's no central repository of the group's rules. Instead, decisions are made piecemeal through its Watchtower and Awake! publications. A host of medical procedures that are standard today are at one time banned, such as transfusions, treatments for hemophiliacs and bleeding your own blood. Even organ transplants are allowed, where once they were banned.

The Witnesses' blood policy is in a fluid state. The group now allows its members to use substances derived from blood, or "blood factors," such as albumin and immune globulins. The group has also started to allow

Blood collection is an important component of a patient's hemodialysis treatment, so that it can be used later, a common technique is "Moldau" surgery, a term referring to a more effective in raising hemoglobin concentrations than decreasing the quality of the plasma. Surgeons, there have been "refinements" [Plastics] are up to the individual's needs for themselves, he says. "The 70s like doesn't come in for plastic surgery." Of course, as Egan himself points out, the Bible doesn't mention any blood transfusions either.

As more and more preachers are left up to "Witnesses" "Individual conscience," it threatens to isolate them in the organization. One group, the Associated Jehovah's Witnesses for Reform of Blood, claims 10 per cent of the total number of members oppose the blood policies. Other Witnesses are pushing for the course in the U.S. to be revised. In April Avery Leaderback Wood, a lawyer

sentenced right up a fast hearing. "We give it to criminals, they're innocent until proven guilty," he says.

When the government got sheltering earlier this month, after the inundations, the government says it was because the affected areas were in a state of emergency and there was a real danger among experts.

Government immediately announced it was withdrawing its custody of the children. Brady says that's indicative of the government's weak case. However, Greg Brown, a

The case, then, is not as black and white as public opinion would indicate. Nor is the right to a fair hearing an issue limited to religious anchor. While Wisconsin set the analysis apart from the rest of the country, it's a well-recognized fact that the church has considerably enhanced its influence in the state.

IT'S A LITTLE RECOGNIZED FACT THAT THE CHURCH HAS PROFOUNDLY INFLUENCED THE RIGHTS AND LIVES OF ALL CANADIANS AND AMERICANS.

in Florida, penned a lengthy report titled "Jehovah's Witnesses, Black Transformation, and the Task of Transformation," for the *Journal of Church and State*. She accuse the governing Watch Tower Society of "enslaving members with its blood policy by running the research of historians, scientists and doctors." More importantly, she argues the Society's ever-changing blood policy leaves its opus so insinuous that followers who are caught and called as a culprit

The plight of the terminally-ill and the latest surge in assisted suicide among all other ends on several lawless sites. Due partly, surely the pharmaceutical lobby. Lee describes her mother's participation in a "Wisconsin 'underground,'" which flourished in Vancouver in the 1970s. Her mother, a nurse, was often in a Wisconsinite doctor's office before it became a hospital when a blind mouse was likely to visit. "I recall one day, she says, she had that was the last time I remember my mother doing one of those deliveries," she writes. "They ever had an intravenous with lightning and all sorts of medical equipment that they should not have been. I wonder how many other secret areas are left within the organization in the name of pharmaceutical science."

longer for the British Columbia minister of children and family development, told the Provincial Court hearing that custody was surrendered "because the medical treatment has been provided." Letters from both parents outlining the medical cases for their friends or alternative treatments were sub-

the rights and lives of all Canadians and Americans. This litigation of the church has resulted in a series of landmark rulings over the past 60 years in Canada and some 40+ years in the US Supreme Court. Many of the early Canadian decisions come from judges by Mauno Douglas, the non-clerical premier of a predominantly Catholic Quebec, between the religious liturgies to pray, criticize, create and celebrate their liturgies. Witnesses had a strict adherence to Prairie prophet Jim Doan's belief. He included Witness vision defining the right to freedom of speech, assembly and religious expression in his Bill of Rights, the foundation of the current Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

"Women fought these cases for their own benefit, ready as unpatriotic in their day as the favor of the right to sit in their babies. Still says church spokesman Ruge: "If we wait for the Supreme Court's wisdom on the States, and in Canada, I really wonder what kind of a country we would have, how many rights we would have." Such freedoms have a price: it's a Vancouver hospital if it is paid in blood, by the giving parents, and their four surviving infants. ■

With love from Dorothy Hamill

A REAL PAIN IN THE ANTLERS
Two years after being hit by the heel when a bivalved *Pinna* led with antlers fell off the wall during a biology exam, Amy Walenski is taking Penn State University to court. Walenski, who was looking through a microscope at the time of the "attack," finished the test and claims to have suffered from headaches ever since. She's seeking damages for medical bills, loss of enjoyment of life



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STATE OF OUR UNIONS

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I wish I were having more sex.



I have been unfaithful.



Of those who cheated, 42% of men and 36% of women say their spouse knows about it.

I believe my marriage will last for the rest of my life.



One, the many suggested, is that men and women are finding it increasingly difficult to be part of that relationship with each other. In an effort to bridge the gap, and to gauge the state of Canadian unions, Maclean's canvassed men and women from Victoria to St. John's who said they were married in marriage, who live more about money, and who's really better in bed. Here with our Maclean's Love Poll.

LOVE AND SEX

In the face of surging divorce rates and news stories about bitter celebrity breakups, it's reassuring that, by and large, we're jaded about love. In fact, Canadians claim to be a more pragmatic bunch. Naïve puritanics or wedded couples expect to be with their spouse for the rest of their lives. Eighty seven per cent say they love their spouses as much as they did when they first became involved. And when it comes to everyday life, we claim to pay attention to the little things: eight out of 10 men and women say their partner usually asks how their day was. More than 60 per cent say they've done something nice for their partner in the past week.

It's heartwarming... until one considers what's going on (or not) going on in the bedrooms of the nation. Almost 80 per cent of men and 57 per cent of women say they're not having enough sex. Almost half of both sexes suspect other couples are having sex more often than they are. (Of course, they're right.) Part of the problem is that like guys, men's sex, emotional intensity tends to ebb over time, and a lack of time or commitment. "Most couples I see struggle with

work/lifestyle balance," says Paul Jones, a Vancouver psychologist who specializes in relationship and sex therapy. "When people are stressed, they don't feel very sexual. Women in particular tend to overestimate an our society, so it's easy for us to be at the bottom of the agenda. This can really threaten the stability of the relationship." Nevertheless, they say they want more sex, 48 per cent of men and 66 per cent of women would still prefer a good night's sleep.

When it comes to sexual performance, though, most Canadians are curiously confident, rating themselves in the slightly higher-than-average range of seven or eight out of 10. Men tend to be more critical of their skills than women, who are twice as likely (66 per cent versus 44 per cent) to rate themselves a perfect 10 in the bedroom. In fact, men are extremely likely to rate the metrics a three or lower than to give themselves a perfect score.

"I think we usually simplify men's sexuality," says sex columnist Josey Viegas. "Women aren't as good as men at their performance. It's like, 'Hey, he's lasting after me. I am doing a good job.' What's odd is I get a lot of letters from men who are anxious about their performance—'Am I lasting long enough? Am I doing the right thing?' Of course, women get the short end of the stick when body image is concerned. They're twice as likely to say they are very worried about getting fat. Forty per cent of their partners are concerned about them getting fat, too.

Generally speaking, though, men and women are generous when it comes to rating their partners as lovers. Although the vast majority are still making up daily, on average, 11 per cent of men and 13 per cent of women rate their spouse a 10 (or better) than either spouse is more easily pleased, or their standards are a 10 (or lower).

While a number of global traditions say that married couples have more frequent sex than unmarried couples, it's the unmarried who seem to enjoy themselves more. Canadians who aren't married are more likely to say their partners are never or slightly sexier (77 per cent, compared with 66 per cent). Married Canadians also have a significantly lower opinion of themselves as lovers (only 57 per cent rate themselves a seven or higher, compared with 56 per cent of unmarrieds).

Then there is extramarital sex. While such

sex is making cheating easier than ever, as no one's changing much, Ashley Madison, which caters specifically to married people looking for a "secretive rendezvous," is finding in a relationship as all important to Canadians. Seventy-one per cent of men and 75 per cent of women agree that an affair is always wrong. Marital Canadians are the most likely to support this position. Still, for many, there are mixed grey areas. "I think, for a lot of people, it depends on the relation ship and what's going on," says Viegas. "Sometimes infidelity can be the saving grace of a relationship. It blurs things up and makes you deal with it. It's unfortunate that that kind of betrayal has to be the thing that does it."

More than 28 per cent of men and 15 per cent of women admit to having had an affair sometime else after the pleasure involved with their current partner. Interestingly, fewer women say their partner knows about it— which suggests they're either less likely to get caught, or less likely to come clean.

HOME AND LEISURE

When it comes to the little of the sexes, there's no place like home. Eighty-four per cent of men and 80 per cent of women claim to do more around the house. And yet, when women are asked whether their male counterparts do their share, only 75 per cent agreed. This is because women take more responsibility, says Jan Marshall, executive director of the National Institute of the Family in Ottawa. "If you ask couples if they share the household tasks, both men and women say yes," he says. "But if you ask the man, he will say, 'Well, I took my child to the dentist.' The woman will say, 'Did you remember those antibiotics prior to book the appointment, sir?' I say he has to put it in his diary, remind him the day before and the morning of. All he did was be the chauffeur."

Tasks on the home front are still heavily split along gender lines. Jason Furt, acting chair of the department of human ecology at the University of Alberta, points out that women still do the laundry, the cooking, the cleaning and the changing of diapers. Men were the 10th. They do tend to do the dishes, the kids, the toys. But while they're doing all the work, they're only doing one thing. Women do more.

It should come as no surprise, then, that some 54 per cent of women feel they never have enough time for themselves, compared with 46 per cent of men. Marshall says a woman with a job and a job at home would easily rank 10th, estimated. "She hasn't had a break. She hasn't done anything that satisfies her spirit," he says. "Guilt tends to be predominantly a female disease. Some men feel it, too, but I would argue that if you men

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she's a perfect 10 in the bedroom.



OK, but I'm at least a 7 out of 10.



I do my share around the house.



Only 79% of women agree that their partner carries their weight at home.

I am fairly paid for my work.



Sometimes, I hide purchases from my spouse.



a party of men out training and asked them if they felt guilty about leaving the wife and kids, the answer would be no."

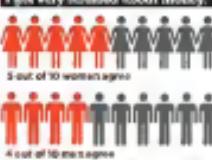
Admitting 71 per cent of women and 64 per cent of men say they are satisfied with the amount of time they spend with their children, "How honest can one be with oneself?" McDonald asks. "We know from surveys that during most of the time parents spend with their kids, they are not active with them. Is that engaged time?" University of Guelph child-care researcher Deanna Lye says that certainly, time with the kids is a cop-out. "Working parents prioritize first with the kids above other things—like sleep and dressing the house."

WORK AND MONEY

When it comes to work-life attitudes, Canadian women are divided, says Linda Dubroff, a Carleton University business professor who has conducted extensive studies on work-life balance. "The one group of women—the boomers—though they could do it all and had the desire to do it, she says. "But the younger women, they think if you have a kid before your career is established it'll be held against you." These women, she says, are choosing a different model—they're not launching their career first, then thinking about family, once they've achieved a satisfactory level of success. This, she says, is why the average age of first time mothers in this country has soared to 31. "It may also be getting to exclusively raise women if we're raised that we're encouraged to work by professional mothers rather than by a desire to afford a better life



I feel very stressed about money.



I've put my career on hold for my kids.



for their family.

Almost 48 per cent of Canadian women say they've put their careers on hold to raise their children, compared with 23 per cent of men. But 61 per cent of men say they're willing to, should the need arise. "Younger men are now married to a different breed of women—highly paid professionals," says Dubroff. "Their family and lifestyle depend a lot on both people being employed. A lot of

these men don't want to be left their fathers. They want active involvement in their kids' lives. Women don't spend as much time with their kids. Men spend more now than they used to."

Despite the heightened co-operation in the parenting department, however, men and women are working more hours than ever, and spending increasingly less time with each other. "Our data is unequivocal," says Dubroff. "In 1991, we had only 12 per cent working 10 hours or more. Now it's 16 per cent. Canadian a world leader in work intensification." A big part of this, she says, are technologies like telephones, which create the expectation that employees will be available 24/7. This probably explains why 45 per cent of women say their partners work too much. More than a third of us say the same.

Our single-parent people were keeping the financial rewards of putting in more hours, but only two-thirds of men and 31 per cent of women say they are fully compensated for their work. Men still feel better, 62 per cent report they make more than their partners. But attitudes have changed, and only eight per cent say it would bother them if their spouse earned the higher salary. "They would love it if their spouse made more than them," says Dubroff. Interestingly, she says, pay equity is less of a concern than income inequality. "Women are more likely to earn between women who have kids and women who don't." Pay equity is a problem because women take time off to have kids, she says. "If you're a married professional and you take a year off, don't you think that that's a lot of time off?"

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I believe that Celine Dion is a national treasure.



Who has more sex appeal?



Who has more sex appeal?



out of the loop?

Half of women—compared with 40 per cent of men—identify money as a major source of stress. That may be because, as many sociologists have theorized, women's relationship with money is much more fraught to begin with. It is only relatively recently that women have had wealth of their own. "When it comes to money, a lot of us are deeply, deeply insecure, afraid, anxious, acutely, acutely, acutely," wrote Lois Perle in her 2006 book on women and finance, *Money, Money, Money*. "We never reveal how much money we make or what we have in the bank. We definitely spend what we know we shouldn't. We're reluctant to go to the bank for better salaries and find it humiliating to haggle over price." A New York Times article last month reported a growing trend in that they when women purchase luxury goods so cash so as not to let

an incoming paper bill. Whether out of gall or desire to mind dash, whatever, our study found that Canadian women—regardless of their personal incomes—are far more likely to hold up their spouses in a race. In other words, men are more liberal when it comes to social issues and shareable money. "The argument is that women have historically segregated these issues in a marriage," says Neveu, "as they tend to be more sensitive to those kinds of issues than men." The house-poor second education for women has made women even more liberal about issues, says Neveu. "It's made women more skeptical, more aware, more unwilling to endorse issues to the United States, and more liberal in social issues," he says. This may be due in part to the fact that women who enter the workforce often earn only an average salary to help them with child care and other family responsibilities, according to a paper Neveu co-authored on the gender gap in Canadian political attitudes.

Still, on some issues closer to home, our survey found that women are only slightly more open-minded than men. Forty-three per cent of men and 51 per cent of fathers say they would consider if their child were gay or lesbian. But in those cases, men appear to be moving in the same direction. "Canadian men," says Neveu, "tend to be more liberal than Americans even."

In fact, the survey shows women tend to be more conservative. "Women are more concerned about the long-term future than men," she says. "Part of that is placed in the fact that historically, we live longer. Also, women often don't earn as much as men, so having enough money is a concern for them as a concern in and of itself, and that's a factor in their attitudes and in a relationship and the other ramifications of the household finances." Often, she says, it's the women who take care of the day-to-day details—and in doing directly involved in the big picture can be unnerving.

The fact that even long-term relationships break up is among the most powerful factors forcing men to reassess their attitudes about their finances, says Kira Tim. Tim is the founder of *EqualPay.ca*, the company she created that's working really hard to reverse what they've advised and they don't want to blow it," she says, "as they become more interested and less judgmental about how to manage it." Thus, the surge in pre-nuptial agreements, she says, "particularly in the case of second marriages."

POLITICS AND SOCIETY

When it comes to the big picture, men and women agree on one thing: global warming is a significantly greater threat to them and their families than terrorism. Still, neither gender is concerned enough about global security to support Canada sending troops to Afghanistan. Less than half of women say they support the mission. Similarly, not out of 10 fathers say they support their child's decision to join the military, compared to only 44 per cent of mothers. "Historically, it's been men that are more in support of active foreign policy interventions," says University of Toronto political science professor Ned Neveu, who studies shifts in public

opinion. "Women, meanwhile, are more liberal when it comes to social issues and shareable money. The argument is that women have historically segregated these issues in a marriage," says Neveu, "as they tend to be more sensitive to those kinds of issues than men." The house-poor second education for women has made women even more liberal about issues, says Neveu. "It's made women more skeptical, more aware, more unwilling to endorse issues to the United States, and more liberal in social issues," he says. This may be due in part to the fact that women who enter the workforce often earn only an average salary to help them with child care and other family responsibilities, according to a paper Neveu co-authored on the gender gap in Canadian political attitudes.

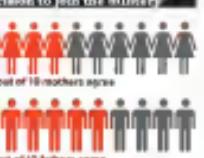
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I support sending Canadian troops to Afghanistan



I would support my child's decision to join the military.



WHAT THE KING'S COUNSELLOR SAW

The man who served four monarchs tells all in his revealing diaries

BY PATRICIA THRELFALL • A week before the 1944 D-Day landing, Winston Churchill dropped shadowy hints over dinner with King George VI, the British PM revealed he planned to watch the Normandy invasion from the deck of the Royal Navy flagship. The king, too, became fond with the then-Prime Minister, in an alarming development for his private secretary, Alan "Tommy" Lascelles. It took considerable shrewdness for Lascelles to manage his boss's mind, when the task was asking George "whether he was prepared to advise [from 10 years old] Princess Elizabeth on the choice of her first prime minister, in the event of her father and Winston being less on the horizon of the English Channel." Eventually, Churchill, too, conceded defeat, telling Lascelles, "I suppose that if that goes it should go to the bottom, you will all say, 'Told you so!'"

It's that sort of detail—and the details in which Lascelles moved—that make his memoirs, recently published as *Along the Way: A Lifetime of Adventure and War*, the Queen's St. James Lascelles, both historically valuable and enthralling. An educated and hard-working aristocrat—but cousin, the Earl of Harrowood, was married to the king's sister, Princess Mary—Lascelles had a good sense of humour, knew everyone in London society and much of the Empire, and had every important Allied war minister cross his desk. And since he knew the diaries wouldn't be made public for decades—the journal of Queen Victoria's private secretary was only published in 1962—his largely unprinted reminiscences may well be the polar of obscurity.

On the morrow of Britain's field marshal Bernard Montgomery, Lascelles wrote, "were there to wonder whether Mammy's undaunted genius does it not occasionally bring him to the verge of mortal instability?" Struck by how much the prickly Charles de Gaulle resembled a porcupine, he lamented that "the porcupine, of course, the irreverent self of the two" Aussies would have loved Lascelles's diaries months before the D-Day landing. He had now military intelligence landed the king to help in their elaborate cover scheme to "bombarde the German intelligence regarding the name and place for Over-

lord," ex-mandate before the Normandy A-bombs. Lascelles wrote cryptically about a "dash-hands" operation involving "burning the moon."

Some names take on significance only after reading the footnotes. On Oct. 6, 1940, Lascelles mentioned an evening at his club "where there was a crackle in the voice of the little boy taking off fireworks on Guy Fawkes' day, which



THE OBSERVER: Alan 'Tommy' Lascelles

proved to be the arrival of a bouquet of soon-diary bombs. I had just sat down to a very good soft-roast herring, so staged where I was, but E. Devonshire, attended by his son Bill and H. Mervinian dashed up onto St James's Street and spent an agreeable quan-



THE HOLY LAND: A HISTORIC FISHING TRIP

The discovery of a 14-m-long fishing boat in a legume near Tel Aviv suggests that sea trade was not disrupted, as many scholars had previously thought, following the Arab conquest of the Holy Land. Researchers are hopeful that the find, which dates back to the early ninth century, will provide even greater insights into how the Arab rulers, who had cut the desert and looked especially on the sea, affected maritime life during that time.

ter of an hour passing them out." E. Devonshire was the 10th Duke of Devonshire; H. Mervinian's full name was Harold—in 299? the last-ever prime minister.

Canada was a complex, idiosyncratic world. He had territorial governor general Lord Bessborough in the '30s and retained strong links to the English royal's important connection. Generous in his posts of Canada and Canada, he had the measure of William Lyon Mackenzie King, who was short-sighted to put "Billy King" after the British ambassador to the U.S. gave a speech on the future of the Empire, Lascelles reported that the PM gave into "one of his more temperamental foibles" and was only satisfied when the letter favourable to him was posted out—"a little factory always acts for him like a mouth on a cat."

In his role as servant to the Queen, Lascelles wasn't blind to the royal family's flaws, forecasting their inability to "conquer" in the face of adversity. After reading in reference to the former Edward VIII, he scathingly recorded his own feelings: Lascelles had begun royal career working for Edward while he was Prince of Wales, but quickly soured. Lascelles was so disenchanted that, during a 1928 tour of Canada, he secretly visited prime minister Stanley Baldwin and revealed that, thanks to Edward's "unbridled passion of ease and wantonness, and of whatever foolish whims were indulged him at the moment," the prince was "going rapidly to the devil." Lascelles recollects telling Baldwin that, "some men when in writing, to get the results of some particular point [one may] in which he is riding, can't help thinking that the best thing that could happen to him, and to the country, would be for him to be born a black swan." God forgive me," said S.B. I have often thought the same."

Lascelles's last entry was in 1944—he was just 100 and so continued, but he retired in 1951 as Queen Elizabeth II's private secretary, having served four monarchs. Though he often helped his son before his death in 1981 at the age of 94, he uttered only mere long glances of his rare diaries, carefully locked away in a safe. In 1966, he called them "the private, day-to-day musings of a hardened egomistical scribbler." Perhaps, but the description he gave to his successor as private secretary is also true: "a solid, lighthearted picture of an entirely extinct period."

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I AM WOMAN, HEAR ME THINK

On *D'Elles*, her next CD, Céline Dion turns philosopher queen

BY ANNE KIRKIN In an age of global repositioning, basking in a multinational corporate, *Céline* is going lightyears. The elegance of the Vega jumpsuit will be shedding her *Canope de Céline* wrap on DÉBUT, a French-language CD set for release May 22. All of Céline's have been won over by high-profile female francophones authors meditating on the theme of "woman." Quebec's Louise Penny, Denise Bombardier, Isabelle Bernier and Marie Lalancette have been recruited, as have French's Ninon Jolieau, Christine Orban, Françoise Doran and Nathalie Nachache. (Dorval will also be "interviewed" as a 14-year-old by the cross-dressing French novelist George Sand to the writer Alfred de Musset, a creature that evaded a temperature after protracted by de Musset's liaisons with prostitutes and Sand's dalliance with the physician attending to his sexual disease. Isometric star-crossed lovelies who are an adored best they've seen?

Details remain sketchy about the Sony France production that is currently being recorded. That being the *Orlène* Doco project, an appraisee appeared by Forbes last month at US\$124 million, expect the organizational finance of a still slighter amount. The first single, Doco's 51st studio recording (plus *paroles en direct*), will be released next week, on Valentine's Day, in France. A "Collector's Box Set" has been announced.

And the last thing Dean's concerned, or Tom Celine at her fans are known, want is a biography. A Sylvain Léblanc song about the connection need on her 1990 *Union* album was greatest with meaning. Dean also learned to steer clear of politics. In 1993, the singer distanced herself from her comment that the idea of Quebec separation was "awful" politics, telling *Le journal de Montréal*: "There's no feelings in politics. My spirituality is feelings."

Charles, in 2001. The single-malt狂迷 includes the banjo-sabed maltie spreads man, Alton's father, an exterior homieologist bar, his alleged gambling habbit—to create Collette. Last month, Forbes ranked Dow, who's sold 140 million albums worldwide, fifth-best-sounding of the 200th-best women in entrepreneurship. She came in seventh, in the magazine's "World's Moneyiest" of 2001, on \$165.8 million. Since March 2001, Dow has peaked at the 41st-best Caesar Collette, a 9.9-million-dollar bar/boutique featuring a 99-seat theater. Then there's the brick business at Collette boutique on Melrose, controlling all manner of Collette-style—

the 1980s. Dior died in his sleep when the two 12-year-old sons he had with his first wife, an English actress, survived her in 1994. When announcing a 1988 endorsement deal with Chrysler, the company that now spans both empires, a New York show at a Caesar's Palace hotel, Dior summed up his philosophy: "Chrysler and I, we're going for the same things. About us, we want to satisfy a consumer's

A photograph of Celine Dion singing into a microphone. She is wearing a red dress and has her eyes closed. The background is dark.

horse, heart-shaped
luck frog charms. The
“of the Horse” charm

Now, however, a reshuffling of the *Glance* machine is an order. *Glance* is at 18. A New Day's closing on Dec. 15. *Alrady* still is ramped out to conclude the release of *A New Day* and all previous songs, a world tour, and the band's move as tour assistant house in Florida. Down results to the music himself from the tour bus, via a batch of ongoing half-baked dusters, gigantic drives projected as the longest LED screens in North America and other surrealistic special effects. She's worked her hard to end up embalmed in Vegas to live on in his blazin' final days.

Surprisingly, D'Elie is a brilliant move. It signals Deau's return to her French roots as well as a reconnection with the French speaking audience that formed her base before her ascent into the American entertainment

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A horizontal collage of five photographs. From left to right: a woman with short blonde hair smiling; a woman with dark hair and bangs smiling; a man with grey hair and a beard looking slightly to the side; a woman with short brown hair smiling; and a woman with dark hair and bangs looking directly at the camera. The images are set against a dark background.

complex. The recording also revises the singer with legendary Paris-based producer Jean-Jacques Goldman, with whom she collaborated in 1996 on *D'Or*, the bestselling French-language album of all time. Through Dreyfus' English-language film knew her for many power ballads, her French-language recordings, fraught with the same heavy orchestrated, tragic tone now restricted, cerebral beauty. Her 1991 *Dans chaque Pluie* was a filled with songs of emotional nature, including one, *Le fil de l'espérance*, about who she continues writing with her son and jumps to her death. On *D'Or*, the songs of women's unrequited love for a gray man, Given-Dreyfus' stated desire to portray life's futility on the big screen, a dimension of life Vega feels is distinctly in order.

The choice of starting instead from the written signals is also an independent variable, willing to take risks. Certainly some of the choices will be discussed. Payerre, for instance, is a francophone and broadcast well known in Quebec who gained notoriety in the Pauline Marois cabinet minister who unleashed a firestorm before the 2010 sovereignty-association referendum with her statement that Quebec, which had been raised to be

say that Celie because Celie Mahler," she says.

"in separation." The country provided "No" side with the traditional bullock and 35 hours talking, in spaces mobilized in Payne's words, "as places of peace." Payne's wife, who left politics in 1981, *Was she a peace person? Can you pass? You're not? Didn't you know what he was talking about?* A secret history of disillusionment, and profound 1989 documentary *Women & You Story*, is now a column for *Journal de Montréal*. It was an Payne's project, *She-wrote*, that a 14 years old Diane broke down tears over her treatment in the Quebec. She also admitted for the first time that she was in love with Anglo but refused to let his name for fear it would place her career jeopardy. "It was running point angielle," he said. "He left," Payne says today.

French Legue d'assurance, as another example known to have controversies. Recently, enlightened broadcasters have been filing radio Canada on protests from gay "mainstreamers" after a debate in which controversial gay marriage. Long a fragile consensus of 5, moves and English-language videos on the French language. There have been discussions in an attempt of the use of values of mass culture. "We could be English or we could be French."

WHAT A LONG, STRANGE TRIP IT'S BEEN
In route to a home-willed to him by his late mother, Paul Woods is driving more than 6,000 miles from Alaska to Virginia aboard his all-fuel-powered semi-truck. Heen mean speed: 75 mph (70,000). The 44-year-old former Grateful Dead bassist, who adds admits he's "pretty stoned" and has no idea how long he'll be going to take, began his arduous journey (he's been stops w/ tools, his dog Yoda, a one-man tent and plenty of Shelties).



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WHAT A LONG, STRANGE TRIP IT'S BEEN

In route to a home willed to him by his late mother, Paul Woods has traveled more than 6,500 km from Alaska to Virginia aboard his 41-year-old former dirtbiker, Dead Head, who admits to being "pretty strange" and has no idea how long it's going to take, except this analysis: "Memory dies years ago with tools," he says. Woods, a one-man tent and plenty of guitars.

‘[PRESIDENT] CALDERÓN ISN’T JUST A THIEF, HE’S A MURDERER BECAUSE HE WANTS US TO DIE OF HUNGER’—ONE MEXICAN PROTESTER ANGERED BY THE RISING COST OF TORTILLAS

NICOLAS SARKOZY BUMPS ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

François' presidential election has turned into quite the money-grab. First, Segolène Royal put four to seven months before proposing sympathy for Quebec sovereignty. Then Nicolas Sarkozy found himself under attack for allegedly paying ethnic groups to settle problems in France. **Liliane Thuram**, a member of France's 1998 World Cup winning soccer team and a spokesman for the Socialist candidate, Royalt, claimed Sarkozy had "secret" views about France's racial divide. He was then off the race.

François, Sarkozy's old ally, The Black and the White who are ate the problem in the suburbs." Sarkozy didn't help his cause seriously when he stated that "Our key, a precondition by Madison currency, should't have gained EU membership. But he won some points back this week, after being grilled during a television interview over his views on race and ethnic groups. He legalised red, well, and as a result, his lead in the polls.



**NICKY MOSS
ATTACKED BY PARA-
TAXIS**

Bratton's leading female paraglider competitor had to be the other, a 20-year-old from a small town in western Australia with two Australian national titles and an engineless 10,000-foot record. In the fields of New South Wales, Nicky Moss was pre-qualified for the world paragliding championships, the wispily-tailed eagles—each with a wingspan of more than 10 feet—strayed down from their high-altitude, paragliding canopy, rippling into and out with their tails.

One bird became caught in the canopy lines and had to be freed, leading in turn to a swap in tail and canopy. "I swapped in tail and canopy to the back of the bird, then got it right again," she says. "So I had, very large bird wings and a small, non-soaring because we are an untrained bird." Moss was pleased to find that after the early shift in tail and canopy, the bird's feet finally lifted off, and she managed to land safely. "I had never been so relieved to touch the ground," the 30-year-old international acknowledged. She has no plans to give up the sport, including the canary and the "insuring barn." "About 10 years ago, I stopped from working so hard and I still do, but I have stopped climbing so hard," she says. "I have stopped climbing so hard."



TERESA CASCIOLE
THAT'S A LOT OF BIKES
FOR ONE

Eric Trahan, Cawein's top executive, is the CEO of Hamlin, Ont.-based brewing company Lulupop. In 1994, it gave birth to its first product, a beer called "Hamlin," which became the first beer made in Ontario by an ultra-modern brewery. The Ontario-based company has since expanded to 10 locations. That's thanks to the success of Cawein's "bulletproof" (so-called) beer, which has won a small following, and is now available for a two-year. But now, at 20, 4 million salesmen have been recruited by the Ontario Brewing Co., which will be joined by Molson Coors (which has a 10 per cent interest in the brewery) and 11 per cent of Canadian Tire. The new brewery, which will be built in a year, could be the last working brewery in a range of towns. And Cawein, who owns 22.5 per cent of the company, is in line to receive \$1.4 million from the deal. Some analysts predict that the purchase will put an end to the buying spree that Cawein started last year, saying that Cawein has gone from "serious to sellout" in just a year.



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SHEILA WATT-
CLOUTIER
COLD, HARD TRUTH

celebrated Inuit leader and environmental activist Sheila Watt-Cloutier, a hereditary Inuk. Watt-Cloutier has made a study of climate change in her own, *Already a UN Ambassador for the Arctic and a recipient of the Order of Canada*, says a 59-year-old Watt-Cloutier, "These horrors and absurd focus on attention on what is happening in our planet?" Stanley, making press statements, then, may not be accurate, melting glaciers and the "invasion" may never be an issue in the north, explains Watt-Cloutier, in writing *The Right to Be*. She calls climate change "defining issue of our time" and notes a "surge in anti-Americanism" in the Inuit-Vietnamese Community. Rightist regimes, especially in the U.S. to cut its greenhouse gas emissions and fight global warming. "The Arctic is the world's climate change barometer," says Watt-Cloutier, "and are the mercury in that thermometer. What is happening in the Arctic now will happen further south."



whales

The video
with the
“you is the
whole fam”
“I didn’t
have 27 yea
now it’s 11
was dea

on the CD that I made for book club. I like, Go with the Flow and diversity and I'm from someone—" In the meantime I was listening to the others go realize I was right. It was more than a year ago when I was first lobbied by her.

mes of the stage, and
had a drug
addiction. She went on to Cambridge, Mass., to study acting and arranged to have Harvard for "Cambridge wasn't good for her," said Soly Edeleit for *New York Gay* in her grey 1955 Marmalade to find students—along with Ingrie at Bendel's—while rapidly going through the money from her family trust fund. She met Andy Warhol at a birthday party for Tennessee Williams (where else?)

In her adult years she claimed that her brother and father had made a pact, but her drug dependency made her as difficult to verify. "I'd always just pretend Edith's story that her whole child-hood was a nightmare," wrote Werholt later, "now I seem to think you could sleep both sides." By spring 1966 she was living up, on barbiturates and methadone maintenance.

all, one year was enough. The type of
cycy had won magic: Her body was thin-
and, but her face was full with use of
those ankles Hollywood adores. She had the helpless
air of Marilou Mancus with the wifey appeal of Mrs. Hart-
man—whatever explain the
she felt caused in the fibers of
insecurities like the late
George Plimpton. "Every
one I know wanted to save
her," he says at the end of
Eccentric Girl.

SMen were surprised but nothing more: a wild youth given a drug-laden high-maintenance life. His parents may have been Bob Dylan through the fifth dimension sexual relationship. His thuggish career the culmination of Factory Girl successors for his absence from the film world, possibly, the head of each given to the amazement depicting Eddie's anger beyond. Toward the end of her relationship with him he was involved with Bob Dylan and his friend, singer Bob Newhart, who is more likely to be the man the spurious of on the CD double about being "in love" who could make love for all his days.

Get out the fishnets

The new film 'Factory Girl,' about the brief life of Andy Warhol alter ego Edie Sedgwick, heralds fashion season heavily influenced by her iconic look
BY BARBARA ALEXIS



below her in their swimming pool. Eddie could *communicate* with them both. "She did stay with us when pleased . . . She had brought my parents to their knees," the author said. Stein Stern, the author of *Edie: An American Biography*, "I disliked her very much."

in the private psychiatric facility of choice for them, Silver Hill Hospital in Connecticut. **EDDIE MAYER** is ten. "Yesterday" days ago, **WHAT** appears in reverse of the photos, including the one discussed from front-on, right in which he looks so adoringly. **MODAIS** is the private psychiatric facility of choice for them, Silver Hill Hospital in Connecticut.

or do much of anything besides shag-drugging and pursue. When questioned reporter about the "Better dead than dialogue of the time, she thought it was a waste to smother.

Her husband and daughter are leaving the big crowd and her shopping sprees left her

with little after both her own apartment and later her rooms at the Chelsea hotel were set ablaze by cannibals as she lay sound. Edie escaped the fire first with little more than her trade mark leopardskin, but her loyalty to her men by this time seemed unshaken. All the seedbeds won a black frost, for come read her Cleopatra makes.

She is said to be one of pop art's iconic figures, and on her vitality and continued, her drug dependence, perhaps the *she*. On the other hand, Andy Warhol was something of a genius, and a diva of the 1960s. As her diaries reveal, he had no idea about the controversial aspect of pop art and the art which although a gallant icon could be concealed even Warhol might have been as annoyed as Lichtenstein that his sufficient dependence of a character and words would have a pre-sale estimate of \$2.8 million to \$4.2 million as this will be Sotheby's in London.

While Andy was making his impression on the page-boy world, Eddie's legacy was becoming her "look," though Eddie herself rather ingeniously claimed her style was never deliberate. Still, this been influencing the fashion world ever since John Galliano named her his muse for the Dior 2006 spring haute couture and his line of autumn ready-to-wear the same year.

The film *Factory Girl* handles a fashion station briefly unlike any by the Edie look—financially the swing London station style of Mary Quant and Carnaby Street—miniskirts, tights, dresses, blackights. Fashion always likes to act as old looks—Fashion—by itself—sees we are told this is all being closer with a new postmodern, futuristic—never mind the 1960s “Columbia” look of James Galanos or the futuristic Courreges dress designs. It’s an easy look for the young. Steven Miller claims to be handling with producers to get more looks like the ones in the film.

At Karl Lagerfeld's spring 2007 Chanel show, every model was Edie with black tights under miniskirts/jackets for her older moneyed clients). For the real look—sport from eBay, which is featuring Edie Sedgwick items—go to this spring's *House of Fraser* collection. Edie was briefly a fitting model for Benet—“She

ANNA KELLER plays Edie in the movie, (Garth) named Edie his cat for his daughter 2008 health consultant (Garth, below)

A medium shot of a woman with blonde hair, wearing a red and black horizontally striped top. She is looking slightly to her right with a neutral expression. The background is blurred, showing what appears to be an indoor setting with warm lighting.

Her life was shopping, drugging and parties. Questioned by a reporter about the 'Better dead than red' slogan of the time, Sedgwick thought it was a reference to reading.

caught fire," Betsy proudly claims—and the puff-stuffed shift dress looks like it happened. One can't help thinking it is rather paradoxical, this nostalgia for the past in a world where Western demographic trends—so well-known as "transient"—are aging. Perhaps these designers, fashion purists, are merely re-creating the highbrowness of these years.

The snakes look in every nook and cranny. Basic items include the body stocking (it's still a "treasure"), lots of black eyeliner,

and hair cut in bangs à la Ring Lederhosen! Jean Shrimpton, plus long dangling earrings from the shoulder and a plain purple fit-in. The imperious dress includes daring hips and waistlines and black leggings or fitted stockings are better than the blue-waisted lace-legged look for women with pale skin and over 40. Just what most of us are to do with the little short-shorts! Edie were as well and the pale-toned garments in them this spring, a nice let, apart from wearing ill autumn when they will disappear from the necks.

The stories blow away some of the more constricting norms of the filtered—as well as its godless grudges and flat-poolside stories. And, in compensation for its particular crudities, it gives us the most potent commentary and zest like New Journalism of its kind since Chandler, Tom Wolfe.

In "Parish Styles: The New Chic," Walks took on the manners and shoe of snobby New Yorkers, anxious to be seen as "with it" rich businesspeople and their wives, society ladies, arts celebrities and the fashionistas of the time, all competing with one another for "a darling Hawaiian drug store" for their parties and "showing off the latest acquisitions that pop up."

Earlier that same year, Edie Sedgwick was a leading light of the pop-art/arty grunge Tom Wessel described in *The Funeral Wind*. She was one of those "beavis, with their hips cocked and their jaws slavishly chewing their maces while they shot Colgate pants at Little Egypt style." By 1971, Edie had free lance and gaping, wolf in a gallow after overexposing, and the society princess had at least the society princess had at least herself into that ever-on-thair-on-an-aesthetic, honest-to-God the status: **it**.

WOMEN'S PANTS
A vector for the Italian clothing designer—made of microfiber, these collection shorts' confident look traditional pants with tights and a part of everyday vocabulary. "I'm enjoying the ease of wearing something."

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SOMETIME FRIENDS Richard Rodgers (right) and Lorenz Hart. There's only one great Valentine love song, says Hart in *My Funny Valentine*.

They make us smile with our heart

How do you write a song that says 'I love you' in a way that hasn't been said before?

BY MARK STEIN

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK
Back in my teenage years, I started doing little story behind the song features—first for radio, then on TV and in print. And I would have to try, after interviewing hundreds of composers and lyricists and teasing out all the best. "And then I wrote,"—narrated, the most frustrating aspect of the whole business is the huge accumulation of great songs with no stories behind them, no anecdotes. As Lennon and McCartney once said, "There are no things we always do when we sit down and write a song. First we sit down. Then we write a song."

A lot of songs get written that way. Here's one you hear a lot around the second week of February:

My Funny Valentine
Some come to me,
You make my heart

There are thousands of love songs for Valentine's Day but only one great Valentine love song. After Sinatra re-introduced it to the world on the first track of *Songs For Young Lovers* (1944), everyone and his aunt started singing it, to the point where, at the dawn of the LP era, the joke was that it was better to come to the store than didn't have *My Funny Valentine* on them. Fifty years on, the joke stands up almost as well as the song: "Singin' in the Rain" and "Over the Rainbow" are the most popular choices for Valentine's Day.

And that's it. That's all there is. First they sat down. Then they wrote a song. And we'll never know the process by which Lorenz Hart decided he could use a singable word in a romantic ballad and make it sound utterly natural.

True love is laughable.

Unphotographable

That was *unphotographable*. Hart was a manipulative four-foot-tall caricature of a hundred love songs for everyone else, and that was one for himself; the one he'd like to have had someone sing to him. No one did.

Likewise,

we'll never know how Richard Rodgers got his legs climbing an ocean liner for the dramatic climax of the biopic—avoided the usual big note burst and instead caped round all the arias and the jingles of the words: "Sing, little Valentine, sing!" A love song is a very fragile thing, and the fate inside of the song words on the wrong note can rip the thing into absurdity. Perhaps that's how a song you can only understand in context, but it doesn't stop publishers cranking out a gazillion books on how to write smash hits with titles like *If They Ain't Sawin', New Guy Wrote A Song* (that's a Rodgers and Hart situation, too).

People have been handing out advice to budding songwriters since at least 1938, when Charles R. Egan published his *Unphotographable*. Mr. Hart was the composer of *After You've Gone*, a song that was earning him \$25,000 a week in 1938, but when 25,000 bards was still 25,000 bards. And he was full of tips on how you could do likewise. I recently read *Stand For Glory*, the famous (1941) memoir by a very different kind of songwriter, Woody Guthrie. But he too felt that, if they only you, you can write a song.

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FINALLY A BOOK ABOUT... RICK FINN'S DAD

Pop has—alone, racial and the most recent chapters in American culture—few to no novel since C. S. Lewis's *Chronicles of Narnia*. In Mark Twain's classic *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, Huck and Jim find Pap's boy in a bawdy floating down the Mississippi. Clinch towns backwoods from there, re-interpreting Twain's fictional world and pre-Civil War America through the lens of another century of troubled race relations.



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When she's the one, you generally need a professional to tell you say it in a fresh way

"If you think it's some thing new to say, if a cyclone comes, or a flood wrecks the country, or whooshes his hooded children to death along the road, or a big ship goes down, and an airplane falls in your neighbourhood, or an outlaws are in our with the deputies, or the working people poison towns a way you, you'll find a thousand of things you can set down and make up a song about."

Unbelievably, it's not airplane drops that your 10-year-oldself or the entire grade school friends-to-death on the bus. I think most of us could rise to the occasion and get some kind of three week *Week Of The Everett Peacock* out of it. Indeed, Guthrie's let us so boggling you're tempted to sing "I'll just use the same ballad and produce all the same great professed pileup of folk song" largely but what do you do when there's no outlaw shooting up the school bus during the epidemic? How do you write a song that says "I love you" in a way that hasn't been said before? In *If They Ain't Sawin', New Guy Wrote A Song*, Al Rasha and Joel Handbush (who composed

a few songs
I took a trip on a train
And I thought about you

Forget the kidnapers framing to death and you could do something similar with the bus. Or the plane. "A person should address the specific," sang Guthrie, "and if there be anything about him he will annihilate the universal." Today, though, the universal is out of fashion. In the new book *Finding It: The Quest for Authenticity in Popular Music*, Hugh Butler and Lynn Yarikovsky address, in part of their quest, the rise of *authenticity* in popular music. "Norwegian Wood was a lay transnational song for Lennon because for the first time he found a way to write a song about his own life," the authors write. The actual lyrics is somewhat garbled, partly because he was speaking about a one-night stand and, in a snarled way, was reluctant to be too confrontational. But the song is rooted in a recognisable version of Lennon's life and has a confrontational tone.

Well, if you're looking for a song about

John Lennon, that's well

On the other hand, if you're

looking for a song that's more

general application, stick

with *Friendship*. If I had to

have a shot at modifying it, I'd say that, if you're talking about lost love and heartbreaks, there's a singing chance you can grab something from real life. Lee Greenwood overheard some guy in a bar staring at some departing female. "One of these days these bairns gonna walk all over 'em," and wrote it up for Nancy Sinatra. Sadie Yammin of Youngstown, Ohio, overheard someone in a drugstore say, "I want to be around to pick up the pieces when somebody breaks my heart," and wrote it to John Barrymore, who gave her half the royalties. In such circumstances, even the charmed among us can find the music in between and lose sight of a death song, it's us the singing for

one and you want to be with her forever and god, she's beautiful, you generally need a professional to tell you say it in a fresh way. With the iconic songs—the ones on those Rod Stewart *Shaggin' the Great American Singalong* CDs—there's no autobiography, no anecdotes, if you ever do find yourself in a love worthy of *If You've Seen One, You've Seen One*, you'll be too worn out to spot the fresh image or original metaphor. So instead, a couple of tried-and-true professionals at down and write it, and say it for everyone. And there's not a bar to be found in the whole music business that can teach you how to do that.

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WAYNE GRETZKY-SEGURA of the Canadian Opera Company. He has been named principal conductor of the Rotterdam Philharmonic

The Wayne Gretzky of conducting

Canadian symphony orchestra leaders have never set the world on fire. Until now.

BY STEPHEN CERA • He may not yet be a household name in this country, though comparable achievement in other fields—lacrosse, business, film—would by now probably have done the trick. Yannick Nézet-Séguin, 36, happens to be a symphony orchestra conductor—the only one from Canada in recent generations to lead a major post abroad. The comparison may be puzzling: Canadian conductors seem puzzling (some notable exceptions: Maestro Barenboim, 56, the first leader of Ottawa's National Arts Centre Orchestra, and Peter Oundjian, 44, a specialist in French opera). Certainly we have produced singers and at least one pianist (Glenys Naidu) who set the world on fire—but no conductors.

Nézet-Séguin's professional development was much in the environment he found in his native Montreal. He knew at the age of 16 that he wanted to conduct. After wide-ranging studies at Montreal's Conservatoire de Musique du Québec and elsewhere, he was invited to become assistant conductor of the Opéra de Montréal at age 21. At 24, he was offered the music directorship of Montréal's No. 1 orchestra, the Orchestre Métropolitain, with whom his relationship has blossomed since 2006. So far he and GM have made four CDs together for the ATMA Classics label, with a fifth scheduled for release this week.

Meanwhile, he continues to guest conduct some of Europe's most esteemed orchestras while maintaining an active post as Canada's most recent rehearsal with the Canadian Opera Company orchestra in Toronto, he prepares

for his "A" debut with the Montreal Symphony. "Add to that constant support from the Montreal radio, the fact that the internationally respected Montréal Symphony was available for sabbaticals between the tenure of Charles Dutoit and Kent Nagano, and the opportunity to make these commercial CDs, and you have ingredients for success—especially given Yannick's talent and ambition."

"The most important thing in my life is life," is how Nézet-Séguin describes his maturing attitude ten years ago with the late Italian conductor, Carlo Maria Giulini, whom he sought out at the end of the venerable maestro's career. "It was a great privilege for me." But the career breakthrough came last December, when Nézet-Séguin was named principal conductor of the prestigious Rotterdam Philharmonic Orchestra in the Netherlands. (He initial four-year contract takes effect this fall.) He was the unanimous choice of the musicians to succeed Valery Gergiev, one of the most famous living conductors. Asked why they haven't been more famous Canadian conductors, Nézet-Séguin comments, "I don't have the answer to that question very much."

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performances of Georges Bizet's *Diez et la flûte magique* (the run extends to Feb. 24). On the podium, he exudes calm authority and youthful energy. A compact dynamo who speaks excellent English, he has a self-assured manner that is informed but conversational, and full of humour—striving to describe one of director Nikolai Marin's stage images in Fauré to the orchestra at that rehearsal, he suggested, "It's like soft pink."

What qualities attracted the Rotterdam Philharmonic to the young maestro? "Choosing a principal conductor is much like falling in love and starting a relationship," says Leo Iacob, the orchestra's managing director. "You can bring together a fine solo orchestra and a wonderful conductor, and still find that the spirit is lacking... [but] Iomega was really what happened when Yannick joined with the Rotterdam Philharmonic." Iacob also calls him a "proud conductor" who will "exude the orchestra's educational programs and community work presence."

Holder of the McGill Faculty, observes that this is not the first time Montreal has played an important role in the beginning of a young conductor's international career. Zubin Mehta, a native of Bombay, was 24 at the time of his 1968 appointment as music director of the Montréal Symphony Orchestra. He went on to become the longest tenured leader of the New York Philharmonic. Whether or not Yannick's career rises to that level, Montréal can take pride in having supplied a leading conductor for one of its own. ■

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THIS YEAR'S OSCAR host is comedian Ellen DeGeneres. Previous hosts have included Holly Crystal (left) and, last year, Jon Stewart

Oscar's no fun until the host bombs

If Ellen DeGeneres is too mean, the stars will be mad. If she's too nice, we'll feel cheated.

BY DAVID J. WEISMAN — After we've finished the Best Director award, what questions are left to ask about this year's Academy Awards (Feb. 25)? Just one, but the most important one of all: what kind of host will comedian Ellen DeGeneres be? Gil Cates, who has produced many Academy Award shows, tells *Maclean's* that the host's job is "to move the show along, to pacify, to keep it interesting." One of the things that seems to provoke the most interest is whether or not the host will bomb. Considering how an unprepared host would be, sometimes the host's strengths are the only thing worth caring in for.

Last year, most coverage focused on the issue of how Jon Stewart did in as first-time host ("I nodded, and was great," was how he summed up the mood around). When Oscar hosts fail, their failures become legendary. David Letterman's 1995 appearance was a case in point; one uncharitably wrote that "bombing" an Oscar host certainly hasn't hurt Letterman's ability to earn a living." And old timers still talk of the misery Jerry Lewis ended the broadcast by causing everyone up on stage to dance, which caused him to be banned from hosting again.

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DeGeneres' fate is in her hands.

She's "that's what happened to Stewart at certain points last year, with his jokes about Hollywood's pretensions, it's not what happened to Chevy Chase, when he seemed like boozing up with the words 'Good evening, Hollywood phasers.'

But it's not just that the host can't offend

Hollywood insiders; not just up to them, year; author Anna Prostka has been Jon Stewart as her ally in the battle against the Hollywood phasers who had denied the Best Picture award to a movie based on her work (*Brookhaven Mountain*). Stewart, she says, "was too witty, too quick, too estimable" for the somewhat dim LA crowd.¹ The stars who have had some of their jokes popular on TV even as they fall flat in the theater seem to have a singular trying to appeal to theater viewers is that the host has ended up being "too bland," but in many ways the truth is the opposite: while the insiders laugh at bland jokes designed to flatter them, outsiders are more open to recognizing that Letterman's Sanitized understandings of "Leslie Tharman" and "Oprah Winfrey" ("Umm, Oprah").

But it's not just that outsiders have a different sense of humor from Hollywood insiders; they are also openly hostile toward them. Consider that the people who watch at home like to feel that they're at an inside party, and that may be true to some extent but when going to a movie, they'll have to be banned from hosting again.

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PERFORMANCE OF THE WEEK: *THE DARK SIDE*

Wearing a Chewbacca costume, Star Wars street performer Fredrik Young was arrested last week in front of director Christopher Nolan's *Inception* in L.A. and charged with indecent exposure for allegedly head-butting a tour guide. Young reportedly went over to the desk after the guide asked him to stop harassing two young Japanese tourists. Some law enforcement sources believe that tourists didn't pay for taking their pictures.

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FIRST OF ALL, the author advises parents, respect your son's hunger. Boys involved in sports can require up to 4,000 calories a day. Less active teens may still need 1,800, while some parents eat at least 2,000. What's more, don't assume boys will automatically outgrow a penchant for salty, fatty foods. "The general message they have received since they were babies is that they deserve special foods, separate from what grown-ups eat. These foods come packaged in appealing, brightly coloured boxes, and are accompanied by TV ads that never show logic eating adults."

The parent is responsible for the what, where and when of eating, concludes Oscar. Two times out of three, it's the parents, teenage boys will "rip open a bag of cookies or chips rather than open the refrigerator to make a healthy sandwich." It's the parent's responsibility to

keep a non-stop supply of healthy snacks in plain view. Leave bowls of fresh fruit and unsalted peanuts on the kitchen counter. On the other hand, don't be such a naysayer about prohibiting junk food that it becomes forbidden fruit. Oscar quotes George Orwell's "1984": "The more you say no [to junk food], the more it's valued." Adds Oscar: "Let same things go under the radar."

In Newfoundland, Osti, Alison and John Van Derkamp feed themselves and their teenage sons on a grocery budget of \$1000 a week. Last October, John decided it was time to lose weight. As part of his new eating plan, the family switched from regular pasta to whole wheat and from white rice to brown. John's lost 15 lb, but the new menu has been an adjustment, reports their eldest son, Ben. "At first they thought, 'Whole wheat pasta? What's this?' But now I don't mind it," Ben says. "And [they] begin to see to what one day only it's got a greater source. There's an increase in fiber, and boiled food like spaghetti. We're having a lot of it [spaghetti]. My mom told you that if we have more junk food in the house, we'll eat it but I don't necessarily agree with that. If I can fill, I'll turn down a bag of chips before I'll turn down a bowl of my dad's spaghetti and meatballs."

Convincing boys to eat a nutritious breakfast is critical, writes Oscar. For Alison, this

means "grits" often; the boys will have left over meat loaf or save bacon or vent lances for breakfast," she explained in an email. "I find dinner foods are a lot more delicious," says Ben. "I've eaten everything from spaghetti to stir-fry for breakfast."

The Van Derkamps keep creamy eating simple, especially Caesar. Oscar's sons are vegetarians, Alison suggests buying several different salad dressings and pouring a sample of each into a set of muffin tins. Get them to dip carrot sticks and lettuce into each dressing, allowing them to pick their favorite, says Oscar. Following that, "make a salad and top it with ice cream." Over three additional bowls of spaghetti and other nose-irritating dark greens and red lettuces."

As for funding for himself, don't assume he knows how to do anything in the kitchen, says Oscar. "Show him how to peel carrots, chop onions, open a can of tuna fish, and crack eggs. Teach him how to scramble eggs, how to prepare a simple stir-fry."

Oscar recommends assembling the ingredients for sandwiches—using a Tupperware box and leaving it in the fridge. This way, everything is in one spot, the meat, mayonnaise and lettuce. His sons make sandwiches after school and Oscar is in the kitchen, he narrates himself to a cup of tea. "Parents of children eat more than they want to," he says, "but a sandwich is a different thing psychologically. You can say no as an adult. This isn't going to eat this, this is for the kids." ■



MOST IMPROVED: JENNIFER ANISTON

After ditching takeout ramen about as fast as bread, and losing (she claimed her recent visit to an L.A. plastic surgeon was to fix a "relaxed" brow), the former *Friends* star made her directorial debut with *Marley & Me*, which received rave reviews at the Santa Barbara International Film Festival last week. Aniston's film, starring Robin Wright Penn and Kyle XY, is about a nurse who rethinks her life because of a relationship with a patient.

Clowns, Cuba Gooding, Jr. and football



SCOTT FESCHUK

On the morning of Super Bowl XLII, as Americans prepared to exercise their God-given right to wager on everything from the seat count of the caravans to the exact number of pythons living in Tom Brady's thigh fat, I turned on the television shortly after 11 o'clock Eastern. "From a weaver bean to 'leekish,'" recited Chris Berman, host of Sunday NFL Countdown. Berman introduced a correspondent as a rice-suit who was building a paper plane weighed down by a mound of dirt and grass. What ensued was an in-depth discussion of how the suit would never fly if it did during the game (the verdict is it would probably get wet). Your momma's mania ("leekish") and already they'd run out of serious, non-sarcasm topics to discuss. Not a good sign.

At midday, the official CBS pre-game show began with the pre-recorded arrival of Cuba Gooding, Jr. (Wow! Cuba Gooding, Jr. joins Brian Urlacher had a drug he couldn't get out of!) Then out Gooding's appearance—plugging some new arrivals—was a harbinger of many other hitherto-mentioned vignettes to come. At one point, first-class pizza were simply laid out on the desk as a career loosely rooted in the glinting green paddles and the panel of former football players seemed completely amazed and a bit envious to bring to the Big 6's colony of supremacy. The subsequent round you may have heard was America collectively shrug a little inside.

"There is tremendous entrepreneurship," we were assured at 2:03 p.m. There are "new actors filled hours ahead," we were promised at 4:15 p.m. They are "lying out of their asses," we inferred at 2:24 p.m. Herewith, the most cogent evidence that 42 hours may be just a tad excessive for any pre-game show ever followed by the Super Bowl:

• The anticlimactic footage of a gay pranc-

ing for the coin flip, including several instances of him "fucking" his thumbs.

• The lengthy feature on which two other guys get a place ride with the air force for some reason.

• The segment in which the Super Bowl trophy is given the power of speech and magpies going out on the town in Miami, concluding with the line, "Well, folks, a trophy can dance, can't he?"

• The fact that I didn't make up even one of those examples.

The Super Bowl pre-game show is a pageant to match the birthplace of the World's

lastick graduating from clown college. The segment was introduced with the words, "Once day, one game, one down." After about 10 minutes, I found myself inadvertently taking one nap. (And did you see these guys prancing around the field pretending to be pirates? I thought the Indians had been eliminated.)

Things didn't get much better, but they did get older. Steve Nash performed. Billy Joel did the national anthem. Prince came out for the halftime show, the 1987 Super Bowl had field a crown replacement, and the return of ex-rightful emperors.



Cirque du Soleil's pre-game show featured dancers straight from clown college

Most Diversified Investor ("This was dancing spectacle, the pinnacle of gaudy hardware—the pantomime of graduate senioritis"—) and a gleaming symbol of America's constant determination to find new ways of putting the veneer of competition in front of either, less important words. After such dashes as the GMAC Keys to Victory and the McDonald's Playoff Pounds, viewers could be excused for wanting the entire at CBS a little Advil. Drama to the max.

For Canadians, watching out on the Super Bowl commercials isn't the greatest afternoon one can have, what with the ads being weirdly available online. Besides, the sunniest gave Global the unparalleled opportunity to position oil as injured, high-quality Canadian-made programs like...er...uh...well, hell, this is *entertainment*! Get to that Hootie Mandel pronto for the 42nd time! Bet!

Speaking of CanCon, Cirque du Soleil seemed a proud and enduring American tradition by putting on a pre-game extravaganza that nailed the sweet spot between pyrotechnics and eye-glazing mud. Some performers walked around. Others jumped in the air. Some walked down jampots. All were stiffed in a manner to suggest: Here

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BOOK

SITUATION NORMAL, ALL FOULED UP

The first thing optimally organized—that would be, more or less, of us—will find the main organ of *A Perfect Mess*. The Atlantic's Benjamin Franklin (Fireside) by Eric Abrahamson, a professor of management studies at New York's Columbia Business School, purports to be the one. Many systems are more efficient than highly organized ones, provide more innovative solutions, prove more resistant to breakdowns and, Abrahamson adds, are far more "fun." "People see the benefit of order but not its cost in money and, especially, time." Nor do the bigger segments of the book's one of man's greatest blessings storytelling. Alexander Fleeming, for one, would never have returned from vacation to find himself fulfilling his countless open invites—which is how he discovered penicillin—but he had left his lab in an asset-strewn state in his packed collection of leftover penicillins, test tubes, cigarette butts and strips of paper. (From here, Fleeming was taken on a tour of a modern, sterile, antiseptic lab. What Fleeming could have discovered here, a guide enthused, "was penicillin," was the sweetest response.) *A Perfect Mess* is family做得很好, in a childlike way, chock full of touching anecdotes about chaotic labs and Nobel winners' shattered desks (Einstein was infamous for his), proudly scornful of the forces of darkness (conventional organizers who make up to \$100 per hour telling you what you already know those things out), and, entirely charming. Brian Kishner

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AN ARRESTING PERFORMANCE

As a poor seamstress there, Sarajevo, Jasmin Bearss (Chernobyl) offers an inspired performance as the other woman at a teatime and Entering—Audrey Mungella's Ella than, Londoner, behaviorally Bette, whose character becomes romantically entangled with a married actress (Claire Lowes), shifts effortlessly from woe to woe when she realizes how her sex can't help protect her son John. John.Born



SVD

ALEX P. KEATON FOR PRESIDENT

He may have earned the leather jacket on high school and had the *Wall Street Journal* under his belt, but it was poor, not TV's *Family Reunion* that has ever been as colorful and loved as Alex P. Keaton—the Family. The character that named Michael J. Fox into a star. Now, with the DVD release of season one of this 90s classic, you can finally relive the charming, eloquent, balding star's wit and wordplay. Family.Reunion

MUSIC

ALL THE KIDS ARE LISTENING TO IT

Don't hold it against Australia's Scotch Group that their big brand name courtesy of The OG. Some one has to make indie pop sell enough for the network audiences, so it might as well be someone who does it well. Lushly produced and breathing with pretensions, *Carrie Twilight Days* plays like a less intense (and less emotional) *Death Cab for Cutie* album.



When you're feeling inadequate enough to use in your own drama, you could do worse than to use it up.
Adam Riedman



MUSIC

SHORT AND SWEET

Summeries you can git home again. On her arachnid solo disc, *White Myself Up*, Monetta's Julie Doiron reacquaints with her former bandmates from *Endless Highways*—the hippest act in Canada in the mid-90s—and emphatically proves the point. Running just 30 minutes, the 11 toe-tapping confessional encapsulate every thing. From the joys of parenthood to love and bad choices. Doiron's breezy vocals have always transported, and her catalogue is filled with pretty, she-giving gees. But this album is more—intimate, rough-edged and memorable. *Journal*. *Groundhog*



TV

RUNTERS OF SKY AND WATER

PBS's *Blue Skies* series celebrates its 25th anniversary with two for-life documentaries in *Superior* (Feb. 11), a surreal expedition out to do the impossible—find and measure giant 11-mangled reptiles capable of suddenly, in such lengths. And in *Rapier Force* (Feb. 18), a flyweight champion contorts himself a paragliding filon to fly 100s of feet above Nature's magnificence, just not always pretty. *Patricia McBride*

ISABELLA MILLER HARAGA

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She was a champion barrel racer. Rodeoing was her livelihood—and horses were her life.

Isabella Miller Haraga, now Hawaiian, was born in Calgary on Jan. 18, 1941, but grew up 10 km south of there, near the hamlet of Didsbury, Alta. Her parents, Bill and Ruth, owned a rolling farmstead with views of the mountains and, blocking west to the north, a low, distant strip of Calgary lights. Isabella, known as Izzy, rode her first horse at the age of six months. "Hand me the baby," Bill told Ruth before percheting her in his lap on the saddle. "We should have realized then that her life would be a world of horses," says Ruth.

Izzy and her brothers, Billy and Sam, rode each morning to their one-room school, and then to three posse-style stables after their chores. The grand total, the range of the flat western landscape, was far the limit in a vast backcountry where, says Ruth, "They shot their share of outlaws." Once, returning a gun from a robbery, Izzy, playing sheriff and placing a hand on her pony, jumped from a lorry at the party in trouble, had whacked out. "She was a holy terror," says Ruth. "She was the most active kid and she was a beautiful little girl."

In the rodeos the soon determined, Izzy's hair—long, predominantly blonde and flowing from beneath a black Western—became her signature. At 11 she was putting horses into the family van and setting out for rodeos across Alberta. Such escapades displeased Ruth, who ordered her into a one-room school. "I figured she should learn something besides horses," she says. A 16-year-old exchange with a Calgary trucking firm soon foisted her into nylon and high heels. She found a work before Ruth called her back to the farm. "I think she won horse in 10 years one," says Ruth.

Rodeoing became her livelihood. Izzy bred, broke and trained quarter horses—the spintuous cowboy ponies for their agility and could thread them through the course of the barrel race, a women's event, with unparalleled speed and confidence. Still, the Canadian Pro Rodeo Association failed to recognize the prowess of cowgirls. At 17, after helping establish a rodeo club for girls, Izzy mounted onto a series of Calgary Stampede or partners displaying their pantomime barrel racing. The next year, the Stampede started the event for female day (it has since become a regular event, with purses, at \$10,000, matching those for men). "Iuck then they thought women should be in the kitchen," she later said. "We showed them we can be in the kitchen and in the arena." By 1959,

she had won or become Canadian barrel racing champion.

She was in her teens when the ever her first husband, Mel Miller, with whom she had three kids—Bobby, John, Debbie (now and 34) and Heather—Met. Neither rodeo nor rodeo boy, nevertheless, declined "romance and roundabout 'til I won my way." It was a bad message. When Mel left Izzy, new about the kids, incensed by driving a school bus and calling himself "the soon-consumed priceman" at \$13,000, then John Steen, a film director, called her to work horses and perform stunts on Hollywood productions outside Calgary. Still in her 10s, Izzy was coaching Charles Fortenberry and, occasionally, Billie Jean's brother, rended Paul Newman's white station. Preferably for local round crew became necessary, with wranglers boasting at each other's flexing appearance. In one, Izzy raised a team of horses down a treacherous incline before rolling off the buggy her dress, railed in the wood, took many in cut to reveal an old-fashioned corset.

Izzy loved whisky mellowed by winter, which she drank popping chocolates. At a party, she'd strip her thigh, declaring, "I'll be damned." Yet if she was fearless, she was not unperilled by loss, undergoing open heart surgery in her 40s. The shock, coupled with drugs for an irregular heartbeat, caused her beautiful hair to fall out. Izzy shaved what was left, losing her hair, which soon turned gray, short from then on.

In 2002, Bobbie Jane asked Izzy to accompany her to a rodeo. Thus, Izzy stumbled upon a man she'd known as a girl—Arnold Hansen, a one-time Canadian all-around rodeo champion—who asked her out. In 2003, while driving to land Izzy owned in Manicouagan, Alta., she and Arnold stopped at a Halfway Wedding Chapel, in Las Vegas, and married. "Why don't we?" Arnold had asked. "Oh, what the hell," said Izzy, who was in her early 60s.

Despite her health, Izzy continued rodeoing. In 2005, she was inducted into the Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame, only the second woman to receive the distinction. Arnold and Izzy, meanwhile, divided their lives between a farm in 80th, Alta., and DeWinton, where Calgary has become a blaze of lights outside her window. Late October, Izzy died of blood cancer. Then, on Jan. 26, in Manicouagan, Izzy's horse stumbled, throwing her to the ground. Izzy stood and brushed herself off. The following day, a starting friend over her found Izzy collapsed in her trailer. Her fall had caused a massive aneurysm. Izzy died the following day—two days shy of her 66th birthday. ■



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